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## Calls to save marshland Dickens loved from airport devastation

By Chris Britcher

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LANDSCAPES captured in the work of Charles Dickens face being turned into a mire of soulless concrete if proposals to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary were to get the go-ahead.

As the battle to oppose the plans, which would forever devastate the North Kent Marshes, continues to gather steam, the RSPB hammered home the natural beauty which would be lost if the county was to become a giant building site in a bid to help solve the country's aviation capacity problems.

And the campaign was also boosted by the support of the great-great-grandson to Charles Dickens who spoke of his "horror" at the proposals and his fears the scenes which inspired his forefather could be destroyed.



Tens of thousands of people are set to flock to Rochester this weekend to celebrate the life and times of the author during its annual Dickens Festival, with this year's event packing an extra punch given 2012 marks the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Gerald Dickens, who is performing during the festival, explained: "I read with horror the renewed plans to situate yet another London airport on the North Kent Marshes. I'm sure there are objections from all corners; environmental, economic, and logistical but my fear is that we lose an area of the country so closely linked with our heritage."

"My great, great grandfather loved

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## HERE COMES JOHNNY

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**JUBILEE**

### Hip hip hooray for the Queen

THE rain could not dampen spirits as thousands took to the streets to raise a glass and celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

From the river festival to village street parties, the streets were awash with red, white and blue. See how Kent celebrated inside. **PAGE 12**

**CRIME**

### 'They left us with nothing'

AMANDA Crook, who lost her husband, daughter and grandson in a fire started deliberately at their home in Chatham has spoken movingly of how those last week found guilty of the crime have left her and her son with nothing but memories. Full report and court verdict inside. **PAGE 5**

**SPORT**

### Dingsdale set for ding dong

LIGHTWEIGHT boxer Adam Dingsdale takes to the ring tonight aiming to mark his third professional bout with another win as he faces Slovak Stefan Kollar.

Dingsdale, 24, from Hoo, says he is feeling confident ahead of the four-round fight at the Doncaster Dome. **PAGE 47**

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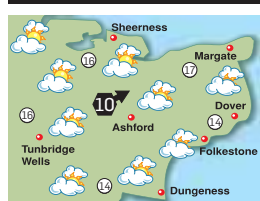
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**TODAY:** It should be a largely dry day with spells of sunshine, the best of these during the morning. Gentle south-westerly winds. Max temp 15-18C (59-64F).

**TODAY'S HIGH TIDE** (Metres)

Dover	03.11	6.3	15.28	6.4
Margate	04.18	4.6	16.27	4.6
St Mary's	09.03	5.1	21.26	5.3

## WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Max 16C	Min 10C
Monday	Max 17C	Min 10C
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## AIRPORT

## RSPB warns of high cost of proposal

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this part of Kent, he lived and died in Higham, he took his honeymoon in Chalk and he often walked across the marshes for inspiration.

"The Hoo peninsula is not only a setting for one novel, it is the inspiration for many scenes, many characters and a catalyst for some of the most important reforms in the history of Great Britain. For that reason alone we should preserve and celebrate its heritage."

The RSPB has been one of the most vocal opponents of the scheme, alongside the likes of Medway Council, Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council, in addition to the area's MPs.

Paul Outhwaite, public affairs manager at the RSPB, added: "The North Kent Marshes is one of the most iconic landscapes in southern Britain.

"This is Dickens country and his evocation of the Thames Marshes has been brought to life many times in screen adaptations of Great Expectations. It is a landscape of space, big skies and, in winter, it plays host to one of the great wildlife spectacles: hundreds of thousands of ducks, geese and wading birds that depend on the area for survival.

"Napoleonic forts overlook the river, and the marshland is the background against which Charles Dickens set some of his most memorable stories. You can even visit the churchyard where Magwitch met Pip in Great Expectations."

There are currently two primary proposals for the area – an airport built on Grain and championed by the architect Lord Foster, and an idea put forward by London Mayor Boris Johnson to build on reclaimed land in the estuary itself, dubbed Boris Island.

The idea is to relocate much of Heathrow's traffic to the site – bringing with it thousands of jobs, but also forever changing huge swathes of the county.

Adds Mr Outhwaite: "This is also a place where commerce and industry have thrived for centuries – and continue to do so. Plans to enhance the economy of the Thames have been promoted by successive Governments.

"Projects such as the huge new London Gateway port in Essex are an example of this and the RSPB, which is Europe's largest wildlife conservation charity, could all too easily see this as a massive threat. However, London Gateway is one example of how economic expansion can be achieved without ir-

reparably damaging the integrity of the natural environment.

"There are other proposals for the estuary that are never going to bring those mutual benefits. The suggestion to build a massive new airport is the biggest and most damaging example.

"Research demonstrates access to green space benefits people's health and well being. It can also enhance perceptions of an area, making it more attractive for investment. These assets must be acknowledged and used to ensure a secure and sustainable future for all the inhabitants of the Thames Estuary.

"The area offers an opportunity to create a landscape that delivers the best of both worlds; a dynamic, world-class economy within a natural environment with benefits to wildlife and people.

"Can it be done? The unified opposition to the airport suggests a positive vision for the future of the estuary and in particular north Kent does not include such damaging proposals. Some signs are pointing in the right direction.

"People at all levels see the vision of sustainable development as a reality. If we succeed, the complete landscape of the Thames Estuary, and the North Kent Marshes, could be the envy of the world;

## NO Estuary Airport

What are your views on the airport proposals? Share your opinion by writing to Airport Campaign, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS.

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if we fail, we will be poorer – economically, environmentally and spiritually."

Despite some reports to the contrary, the Government has still failed to confirm when a consultation process will take place – an exercise welcomed by critics of the controversial scheme as an opportunity to formally object.

This newspaper, which has thrown its weight behind those opposing the airport proposals, has called for the Government to confirm when the process will get under way. The Department of Transport continues to say "in the summer" but could not confirm whether it would begin before Parliament goes on summer recess – which could push it back to September.

## ASTRONOMY

## Weather clouds view of Venus transit

By Chris Murphy

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NEARLY 100 people who woke up in the early hours on Wednesday in a bid to see the transit of Venus across the face of the Sun were left disappointed after miserable weather blocked their view.

The passage of the planet across the Sun was a last-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Due to its orbit being on a different path and speed to the Earth, it is only possible to see it against our nearest star twice every 105 years. The last transit was in 2004 – the next will be in December 2117.

Members of Mid-Kent Astro-



**IN SIGHT:** Telescopes zoomed in on the Moon instead of Venus

nomical Society had set up a viewing point on the beach on Grain and invited the public to come and join in witnessing the planet's progress.

But the clouds refused to budge during the half hour window for those in the UK, which started at around

4.45am; sun rise.

Some observers brought their own solar-protected telescopes and binoculars, while others viewed through telescopes provided by society members and special solar viewers provided by MKAS.

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is dangerous and can cause permanent damage to vision.

The society said unfortunately the clouds didn't part until the transit had finished, but everybody was treated to views of the Moon while waiting for the Sun to make an appearance.

Once the clouds did separate and the Sun shone through, everyone managed to get some magnificent views of sunspots and even 'prominences' through organiser Bob Tollervey's telescope, which was equipped with a highly specialised hydrogen-alpha filter. Prominences are huge explosions on the Sun's surface.

Mr Tollervey said: "Seeing

everyone, including families with younger children, enjoying themselves and learning about astronomy, really made all the hard work worthwhile.

"Many astronomers were on hand to talk about the transit and later to explain the sunspots and even craters that were visible on the Moon. Unfortunately the British weather did not play ball but everyone went away happy.

"Don't forget that there will be a transit of Mercury which is the only other planet to transit the Sun, on May 9, 2016, starting at around 12.12pm and ending at around 7.42pm. MKAS will be ready to welcome everyone again."

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## EVENTS

# Festival celebrates our mutual friend in his 200th birthday year

By Chrissie Daniels

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TENS of thousands are set to flood into Rochester this weekend for the Dickens Festival, with organisers keeping their fingers crossed for no repeat of the jubilee weekend wash-out.

The popular annual event comes with greater expectations than normal this year as 2012 marks the 200th anniversary of the author's birth.

Charles Dickens grew up in Chatham and returned to live and die in nearby Higham, basing many of his works on buildings in and around the town.

The Dickens Festival, which celebrates his work and the era it draws so heavily on, runs from today (Friday) through to Sunday.

It will have three distinct theme days. Today kicks off with Children's Day, giving youngsters on half-term the chance to dress-up in period costume, learn circus skills and enjoy live entertainment.

Saturday will be Grand Pageant Day, with a parade winding its way from the railway station, through the High Street and finishing in the grounds of Rochester Castle.

In the evening Gerald Dickens, the great-great grandson of Charles Dickens, will give an insight into the life of the family.

Commemorative Day will round off the events on Sunday. It will begin with a service in Rochester Cathedral which includes the Dickens Oration given by Marian Lloyd, the great-great grand-daughter of the author.



Later, everyone is invited to join in the Grand Parade and take part in costume competitions.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for community services, Howard Doe, said: "Charles Dickens' strong associations with Medway continue to bring many thousands of tourists to the area, and in this special bi-centenary year interest has been higher than ever.

"In addition to events held earlier in the year with the Chatham and Rochester Dickens Fellowship, we are also expecting record crowds to come along for our summer Dickens Festival."

The festival will also include book readings, theatrical shows in the High Street and musical performances.

The Vines will become a craft fair and performance area and the Thames Barge the Edith May, which took part in the Thames River Pageant for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last weekend, will be on hand for trips on the river.

The Guildhall Museum will also be open with a Dickens Discovery Room showing various artifacts and a short film about the author.

The festival runs from 9.45am to 7.30pm on each of the three days.

**DRESS TO IMPRESS:** Costumes for the era

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ Lights, camera, enter

ROCHESTER and Strood MP Mark Reckless is urging would-be filmmakers in his constituency to enter a national film competition.

He is calling on amateur movie-makers to take part in Film The House which seeks to identify talented up-and-coming producers, directors and script-writers.

The Tory MP will nominate his top film from the area, with the overall winner getting to see their movie enjoy a special screening at the House of Commons.

### ➔ Queen visit memories

PATIENTS at the Wisdom Hospice in Rochester celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee this week, some 28 years after she visited to officially open the hospice.

Run by Medway Community Healthcare, the centre was opened by the Queen and Prince Philip in 1984.

Dr David Oliver, consultant in palliative care at Medway Community Healthcare who met the Queen, said: "The jubilee has brought back memories of when she visited."

### ➔ Studio opens its doors

NUCLEUS Artists will be opening their studios to the public next month, as part of the Medway Open Studio & Arts Festival.

The doors will be flung open from July 7-8 to give visitors the chance to see the work of the 15 resident artists and craftspeople and 14 associate artists who use the facility in Chatham High Street.

The studios will be open from 10am to 6pm.

## JUBILEE

## Castle Concerts star sings for Queen

JOOLS Holland was among the star-studded line-up taking part in Monday's concert outside Buckingham Palace in honour of the Queen.

The musician and TV presenter from Cooling, who in 2006 was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, performed with singer Ruby Turner on the specially constructed stage outside the Queen's official residence.

And locals will get a chance to see the pair perform next month, when they kick off the popular Castle Concerts series.

Thousands had got tickets in a ballot to watch the show - with tens of thousands of others lining The Mall to soak up the atmosphere.

Mr Holland, who recently joined the campaign

fighting the proposals to build a new airport in the Thames Estuary, performed a cover version of You Are So Beautiful with Ms Turner as part of a glittering line-up of talent.



Other performers included Paul McCartney, Tom Jones, Stevie Wonder, Kylie Minogue, Robbie Williams and Grace Jones, 64, who managed to keep a hula-hoop spinning around her waist throughout a performance of her hit Slave to the Rhythm.

Mr Holland will be the first big name for this year's outdoor shows at Rochester Castle. On July 18 he kicks off proceedings, and will be joined by Ms Turner, alongside the likes of Fine Young Cannibals frontman Roland Gift.

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Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal pledges twenty new jobs for local people

The Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal, Colin Boxall (pictured), announced that there will be twenty new jobs at the Academy for local people.

"Local jobs, for local people." said Colin Boxall.

"The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a community secondary school, and one of the ways we intend to demonstrate that the Academy is at the heart of the local community is by employing people from the local community," he said.

Mr Boxall made the pledge of twenty new jobs for local people at a recent meeting with parents of students due to start at the

Academy in September this year. Mr Boxall joined the the Bishop of Rochester Academy full time as the new Principal only five weeks ago, after working at Academy, in Chatham, part-time since January.

The Bishop of Rochester Academy has already recruited a number of Exam Invigilators for the summer exam season each year, and will also be offering permanent posts suited to local people - such as Mid-day Assistants, required from September. Other new jobs may include people to help run new after-school classes and activities on a range of arts, crafts, technology and sports during the school holidays, plus Fitness Trainers, Games Co-ordinators,

Instructors, Activity Leaders, Enrichment Club and Gifted & Talented Programme Supervisors... and others!

#### New Academy building

New staff joining the Academy from now will be among the first to benefit from the superb working environment in the NEW Academy building. The £23 Million 'new-build', which is currently under construction on the Academy's Magpie Hall Road East Campus, will open next Spring (2013) and provide an exceptional environment in which to work and learn, with state-of-the-art facilities for all students and staff.



The Academy will be recruiting a number of Mid-Day Assistants to work at both Campuses - East Campus: Magpie Hall Road; and West Campus: Letchworth Avenue, starting September.

The role of Mid-Day Assistant is to ensure the safety, welfare and good conduct of students during the Mid-day break.

This involves supervising students in the dining areas and surrounding corridors, and the outdoor area and playing fields, to ensure good standards of behaviour by students are maintained.

These are permanent positions, and more information and Application Forms can be obtained via the website: [www.boracademy.org](http://www.boracademy.org) or by contacting the Academy on: **01634 845196**. Interviews will be conducted during the Summer Term.

Mr Boxall plans a number of new initiatives at the Academy over the coming weeks and months, for the benefit of Academy students which involve the local community.

Anyone living in the Medway area with any specialist skills to offer - in sports, the arts, crafts, music, technology, etc. - should contact the Bishop of Rochester Academy on: **01634 845196** or visit the Academy's website for more information: [www.boracademy.org](http://www.boracademy.org).

*The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a Church of England school where everyone works and learns within its caring and supportive Christian ethos.*

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## HERITAGE

# History of barracks is an open book

By Dean Kilpatrick

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BROMPTON Barracks has, over the years, been a key ingredient in the growth of the area, with the military footprint the mould from which it grew.

And as it marks 200 years of housing the headquarters of the Royal Engineers, the lid is being lifted on some of the secrets hidden within its walls and of how the area grew up outside them.

As part of the Brompton 200 project, which aims to share the memories of those involved in the barracks, past and present, the Royal Engineers Museum is throwing open its doors for an open day today – Friday – providing visitors with the chance to glimpse some very special items.

Among the 15,000 books it holds are first editions of all but one of Charles Dickens' novels, with a letter from the author himself.

The county's largest military museum also features diaries from World War One, photographs by famous Crimean War photographer Fenton, hand drawn maps and plans and a photo archive.

The oldest book in its collection – a copy of De Re Militari, a text

which charts Roman warfare and methods, dating back to 1483 will also be exhibited.

Project co-ordinator Amy Adams said the open day would allow people to learn about the history of their village. She said: "The presence of the military has affected the way the towns have been built because of the military architecture and also had a huge impact on jobs and the economy in the area too."

Professor Mark Connelly of the school of history at the University of Kent says the area's military history provides a fascinating window into its past and how it was shaped: "To have the Army and navy in such close proximity is actually quite a rare thing because traditionally there is a strong rivalry between the two. So that makes Brompton different."

"In addition, the area had a bit of a cosmopolitan feel because the military was dragging in people from across the country which, in turn, had an interesting impact."

Today's event will dovetail with an exhibition and website for Brompton 200's memory collection, of which 30 have been shared so far.

Adds Miss Adams: "Some might think we are just a museum for the military, but we have lots of local

history which more and more people are getting interested in."

To tie in with the celebrations, there will be a series of guest speakers talking about aspects of warfare throughout the year, discussing

historical matters and also the future of the Armed Forces.

The free open day takes place today, Friday, June 8, from 10.30am and 3pm. Visitors do not need to book, but should bring photo ID.



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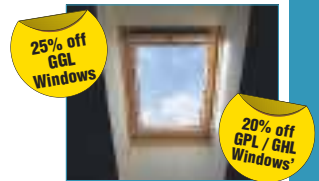
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## News

## ENTERTAINMENT

## This is John Lydon:

By Chris Britcher

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JOHN Lydon's reputation does more than simply proceed him. It arrives at your door, laden down with suitcases and spends a couple of weeks camped out in your spare room unnerving you.

And just as you come to terms with whether you love or hate it or are simply thoroughly confused by it, the man himself appears and does more of the same.

Satisfyingly, he is exactly how you imagined him – forthright in his views, full of bounce, and thoroughly engaging.

Speaking from his home on the outskirts of Los Angeles, the artist formerly known as Johnny Rotten and once jagged thorn in the side of British sensibilities as lead singer of the Sex Pistols, is preparing for a summer show in Kent.

As headliner of the new Music Event One (ME1) festival, the iconic 56-year-old will front his band Public Image Limited (PiL) for one night in the auspicious surroundings of



Rochester Castle on July 28.

"I'd like to come on wearing a full suit of armour," he quips, "but have you felt how heavy those things are?"

It could prove to be the highlight of a crowded summer calendar of music in the county.

"There are so many errors, so many false myths about me," he reflects about that reputation of his. "It's six of one, half a dozen of the other."

"For me, I'm a human being,

I like my own space, I'm not a rowdy sod and I don't interfere with others.

"I don't do this to make enemies. I never have. Everything I do is for the people and by the people because I am one of the people, that is why I call myself, with a sense of cheekiness, a folk musician."

Certainly his return to the studio – following a hiatus fuelled by a fall-out with his previous record company – has

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# Former Sex Pistol reveals his public image

been warmly welcomed by critics and fans alike.

With new album *This Is PiL*, it would seem he is just as able to put a cat amongst the proverbial post-punk pigeons today as he was when he set PiL up just months after the Sex Pistols split.

One thing, however, has dogged him throughout the five decades his career has now spanned and will no doubt haunt him again in Medway next month: stage fright.

"I still get very nervous going on stage," he explains. "If I lost that I'd lose the driving energy needed to do what I do."

"You have to be so committed to what it is you get up to and it seems to me the only thing to get the adrenalin going is pure fear."

"It's the fear of letting people down – it's always been like that. I've read many a book about stage fright, from the likes of Laurence Olivier onwards; I was relieved I wasn't the only one. I know that with stage fright I'm among good company."

"And many singers suffer from that. They may tell the press something different, but it's fear. It's a hard thing. You don't have an instrument in front of you, you don't have a machine that goes 'bing', you can't hit anything, you can't twang some strings, it all has to come from inside and the nervous energy and the adrenalin is what makes that happen and react to the surroundings. And hopefully it works favourably."

"I'm at my happiest when I'm on stage."

Organisers of the ME1 festival in Rochester are banking on PiL providing a springboard to bigger and better things over the coming years.

PiL top a line-up with Leeds band and indie favourites the Wedding Present supporting alongside local group Theatre Royal and hip-hop outfit Kids Unique.

It will provide the highlight of a series of live music events taking place in venues throughout Rochester on the day.

If all goes to plan, then next year should see the event spread over two days, and then three by 2014.

It is another festival in an already crowded marketplace.

"It's nothing like when I was young," Lydon reflects. "It used to be one stage, 12-15 bands a day and no-one cared about the format and running order. Now it's so orchestrated."

"If the audience is like me, they come to see everything. I used to love it when I was 15, I'd bunk on a train and go up north to any festival I could. I'd just spend the weekend crawling in and out of the fences."

"Money is tight when you're young, but the thrill of seeing so many bands approaching the world of music so differently was pretty inspiring."

"It was through that diversity that I found my own voice."

Visit [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) for an extended interview with John Lydon.

■ Public Image Ltd perform at ME1 in Rochester Castle Gardens on Saturday, July 28. Support comes from the Wedding Present, Theatre Royal and Kids Unique. Tickets cost £26 and are on sale now. See [www.musiceventone.co.uk](http://www.musiceventone.co.uk) for more information.



NOT SO ROTTEN: John Lydon will perform at Rochester Castle with his band Public Image Limited

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## CHARITY

# Youngsters prove stereotypes wrong on trip to help poverty-struck Kenyans

By Chrissie Daniels

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FOLLOWING the riots that tore areas of the country apart last August, one prominent American psychiatrist wrote that English youths were "among the most unpleasant and violent in the world".

In the opinion piece seen by millions of New York Daily News readers, Dr Anthony Daniels appeared to be echoing the sentiments of many when he voiced his disgust towards the young vandals who shamed a nation.

Yet just weeks before, 12 MidKent College students who would be tarred by the same brush as their rioting peers were busy building a fence around a Kenyan orphanage that cares for children who would otherwise starve to death.

"I took 14 boys out there last year and came back with 14 men," said carpentry lecturer Dan Hodges, just days before returning to the Melon Education Centre in Nakuru with his wife Karina and a second group of charitable youngsters.

"Young people are given a hard time these days but this trip proves



**HARD WORK:** Dan and Karina Hodges, right, take students from MidKent College to help poor youngsters in rural Kenya

there are a lot of good kids out there who are willing to knuckle down for the benefit of others.

"I'm so proud of them for the work they've put in to raise money for the trip and am looking forward to watching the effect it will have on them. It will be a life-changing experience I'm sure."

Mr Hodges was asked to organise last year's aid project by senior members of MidKent College staff who had been won over by a freshers' week stall hosted by African Adventures.

The charity put the team in touch

with the Melon Education Centre, which was in desperate need of a fence to prevent trespassers wandering onto its property.

But despite the help of African Adventures, the Hodges said nothing could prepare them for the sheer poverty that greeted them in Kenya.

"Nairobi is packed with people and very busy," said Mrs Hodges, who works as a beauty technician at the college. "But when you get into the country you realise just how poor everyone is.

"It's a real culture shock. The

wealthy people in Kenya are very wealthy but the rest have nothing. They live hand-to-mouth."

Mr Hodges added: "Nakuru is what I imagine England probably looked like after the war. Everything looks damaged and run down, and nothing seems to work properly.

"It does make you feel very fortunate to have been born in England. Even the sunglasses I was wearing out there were worth about three months' rent to some people."

This year's cohort raised about £15,000 through quiz nights, Christ-

mas fairs and various other activities to fund the return visit to the Melon Education Centre.

In addition to helping out with classroom activities and passing on donated gifts like football shirts, school uniforms and even laptops, the team will be building another fence around land paid for by MidKent College.

Upon their return they will host a thank you ceremony at the Medway campus to display photos and videos of their stay – an event that had audience members in tears last year.

"The staff and children we support in Kenya are so grateful for everything they receive, and it makes all the hard work worth it," said Mr Hodges.

"A few years ago I would never have guessed I'd be arranging something like this. I was just a carpenter who enjoyed smashing into people on the ice hockey rink, but I was crying like a baby with everyone else when I watched everything back."

■ Please email [dan.hodges@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:dan.hodges@midkent.ac.uk) if you would like to donate to a future trip to Nakuru.

Next week – Staff and students report back from the second visit to the Melon Education Centre.

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## News

JUBILEE

# Flotilla a chance for veteran to remember his navy days

By Chrissie Daniels

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A WAR veteran was reunited with his former shipmates on their old vessel HMS Belfast – as they paid tribute to the Queen at the Thames Pageant.

Jim Hutchison, 90, from Gillingham, was chief diver aboard the naval ship from 1951-52.

The Imperial War Museum let the veterans commandeer the boat to watch Sunday's flotilla and invited London Sea Cadets to join them.

Mr Hutchison said: "It was a lovely day, it was a pity it rained just as the Royal Barge passed us but it was worth it. It was magnificent. I thought I would never see it and I know I will never see it again."

Mr Hutchison spent 16 and a half years in the navy and has been close to death on more than one occasion – from pulling a body through a swamp, being hit by a torpedo and using a dead shark as a raft.

He told of the time he was blown 60 feet into the air by a



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**ON THE RIVER:** Thousands sailed in the Queen's jubilee flotilla

torpedo in the Republic of Congo: "The torpedo hit and 16 men were killed. It blew me into the air, landing in the water. I was wounded and worried the blood would attract sharks. I was about to give up when I saw something floating to cling on to – a dead shark."

Mr Hutchison became a commercial diver when he left the navy, retiring in 1970. He handed his company, Medway Diving Contractors, to his son.

The jubilee was a double celebration for the veteran – he and his wife Violet have been

married 70 years and recently received a card of congratulations from Her Majesty. The couple have four children and five grandchildren.

Also representing Medway was puffer VIC 96, sailing barge Edith May and tugboat MT Kent – believed to be the oldest working tug in the UK.

Derek Gransden, chairman of the VIC 96 Trust and skipper, said: "The day went very well. If it was a nice evening the party would have carried on, but we sat inside with stew and dumplings instead."

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**SWEETENER:** Cakes of all shapes and sizes were made to keep the hungry street party revellers fed**A TOAST:** Glasses and umbrellas were raised during the numerous street celebrations held around Kent**FUN AND GAMES:** An impromptu game of street skittles and jenga help keep party-goers entertained

## DIAMOND JUBILEE

# It might rain on our parade, but nothing will stop us holding a jubilee street party

By Dean Kilpatrick

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A SEA of red, white and blue washed across the county over the bank holiday weekend as Kent celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style.

Events took place in every corner of Kent, from street parties to special services, to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne.

Despite the wet weather, organisers battled on to make sure the once-in-a-lifetime weekend wasn't remembered as a damp squib.

Glenda Morling, who held a party in Halfpeny Close in Maidstone, said: "The rain didn't last long; we had a downpour of about 20 minutes, but everyone had their gazebos up."

"It was a bit cold too, but we carried on through it – it was a really good day."

The community also got together in Medway, with at least 30 street parties taking place in the towns. One of those took place in The Close in Rochester and co-organiser Lynne Last said more than 250 residents joined in.

She said: "It was great to see the community coming together. Seeing the kids playing in the street like we used to was just the best thing."

"We had cake competitions, a best jubilee fancy dress contest, and a raffle to help pay for it all."

The newly-formed Gravesend Women's Institute held a jubilee picnic lunch in Gordon Gardens, and president Hilary Jones said: "Ages ranged from four to 94, and everyone had a good time. There was plenty to eat and drink, including mountains of delicious cakes and those attending donated generously to a collection for the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust."

Friendly street rivalry took place in Stephen's Road in Tunbridge Wells, as residents took on neighbouring Hopwood Gardens in a tug-of-war contest, which the hosts won convincingly 3-0.

The competition was part of a series of special events including a Routemaster bus entertaining the children and a samba band performing.

Organiser Cheryl Harrison said: "It was stupendous. People have been talking about it all week – we're gutted it's over really. It was magical."

As well as the 350 street parties held in Kent and Medway, special Diamond Jubilee beacons were lit around the county on Bank Holiday Monday, joining the Commonwealth in lighting a flame as part of the celebrations.

One of the beacons was at Harris HospisCare in Orpington. In the evening, after holding a jubilee fun day, the beacon was lit by volunteer Joan Sloane and was followed by a rendition of the national anthem.

Fundraising manager Christine Davies said: "This was a fabulous evening to celebrate the jubilee. We were honoured to be an official beacon site and the local community really supported the event."

Queenborough Town Council on the Isle of Sheppey, held a community fun day at Castle Connections.

And although the weather meant activities had to take place inside, Chrissie Williams said: "It went really well, although the weather was atrocious. We made the most of it despite the tradi-

**CENTRE OF ATTENTION:** Parties held up and down the county for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

tional British weather – we all had a good time."

Ramsgate held a tea party for hundreds of children which went down well despite a couple of downpours, with jelly and ice-cream a particular favourite on the menu.

Mayor of Ramsgate Cllr David Green said: "The tea party for more than 300 children achieved a great success, despite the British weather. This was a real town effort, funded by Ramsgate Town Council and Thanet District Council and supported by too many town folk to mention individually."



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**GIRLS' POWER:** The newly-formed Gravesend Women's Institute enjoyed a day of jubilee celebrations



**CHEERS, YOUR MAJESTY:** Jubilee party in Rodmersham is in full swing as locals toast the Queen



**SALUTE:** Tunbridge Wells people enjoy themselves, while crowds watch the Harris HospisCare beacon



**ACCESS TO PARTY ONLY:** Around 350 streets were sealed off around the county for street parties as Kent joined the nation for a right royal knees-up



**RIDE ON TIME:** A Routemaster bus was at Stephen's Road, Tunbridge Wells, as part of the Queen's celebrations, while villager Joyce Gore helped plant the Diamond Jubilee tree at St Nicholas at Wade





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OPINION

# We should all say no to abuse

Too many people suffer domestic abuse, and though action is being taken – everyone must make violence unacceptable, insists **Cllr Mike O'Brien**

FOR far too long, domestic violence has been prevalent in our society.

It is a serious health and criminal justice issue and the statistics are shocking – with a quarter of all women and one in six men affected by domestic abuse in their lifetimes.

This is an issue which blights far too many lives, leads to family breakups and has a long term impact on both women and men.

And it is sadly a leading cause of death amongst women aged 19-44, with two women a week dying from abuse. This is higher than from cancer or road accidents.

In Medway alone, more than 4,000 domestic abuse incidents are reported each year to Kent Police – that equates to an average of 11 reports a day, every day of the year.

But this is probably only a fraction of those affected. We know that many victims of do-

mestic abuse don't call the police, don't know what support they can get, and are not always able to give a name to the abuse they are experiencing.

We need to let victims know they are not alone and there are people there to help.

Over the last 30 years domestic abuse has gone from a subject that was in the main not spoken about, to one that is now a focus of attention not only by the voluntary sector but also by government and other statutory agencies.

Despite the current reductions in public finances, we in Medway are prioritising this because it is too important to ignore. It is also linked to so many other social and community safety issues. For example, there is strong evidence that violence in the home influences youth violence in the streets.

In Medway, two independent domestic advice advocates have been created to assist vic-

tims and keep them and their children safe. One is in the specialist domestic violence court at Medway Magistrates Court, the other is in A&E at Medway Maritime Hospital.

Working with the Medway Community Safety Partnership, we are reaching out to all the other partners involved in tackling domestic abuse, including schools and health services so that a multi-agency group can work at senior level to tackle the challenges of cross-agency working.

Under recent changes in the law, the Community Safety Partnership is now responsible for reviewing cases of homicides from abuse, so that we can ensure enough is being done to address this issue and to prevent further abuses.

I recently addressed a service in Rochester Cathedral, given to commemorate victims of domestic abuse. The service was attended by many agencies



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**More women die from domestic abuse than cancer or road accidents**

working to support victims of domestic abuse across Kent and Medway, along with victims and survivors.

I recognise the fantastic work done by the voluntary agencies and Medway Domestic Abuse Forum in working with clients to support them, as well as the success of the Freedom programme, which provides information to women on this issue.

There is still a long way to go to ensure all people affected by domestic abuse are able to receive the support they need and for our communities and society to speak out against domestic abuse, to help effect change and make domestic abuse unacceptable not only now but in the future.

We must all say no to domestic abuse.

**■ Cllr Mike O'Brien is Medway Council's portfolio holder for community safety and customer contact.**

## KOS COMMENT

Jubilee's right royal knees-up just the tonic

DESPITE the rain trying to dampen the mood, Kent's jubilee celebrations were even bigger and better than expected.

People embraced the party spirit at more than 350 street parties, using gazebos and umbrellas to shelter from the downpours.

Thousands went to London to enjoy the festivities – and even with the Duke of Edinburgh's health scare, it was clear to see that the Queen and the royal family enjoyed themselves.

No matter what your views on the monarchy, the jubilee was a chance for friends, families and neighbours to be together.

In a time of such economic despair, the extended holiday was a much-needed boost for the country.

## Get used to the ban

AS incredible as it seems given the wet weather we are having, it looks like Kent could be one of the few counties still under a hosepipe ban this summer.

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Meanwhile, our children are being taught in our schools how good this sick union is and how much [they say] we are getting from it. How could we have been so deceived?

**J Moore, Tunbridge Wells**

## Young must be nurtured

KENT Green Party will be discussing practical measures to meet the school places shortfall with speaker Becky Matthews from STEP, the campaign against selective education in Kent, at its June meeting in Wye, near Ashford.

It is alarming that Kent County Council has to find 10,700 primary school places and two new secondary schools in the next four years. Some 800 children in Kent

could not get a place at one of their three preferred primary schools, this April.

Selective schools distributed unevenly across Kent and Medway have made secondary education as much a transport policy as an education policy, with children spending large parts of each day travelling significant distances to and from school.

This could have been avoided if Kent and Medway secondary schools were all comprehensive. Coupled with fundamental inefficiencies in children's services and declining youth services, the overall picture for young people is one of neglect.

There has even been maladministration in the provision of grammar school places in Tunbridge Wells.

It is disturbing that four out of every 10 headteachers say their school buildings are unfit for purpose nationwide.

The Government is adamant academy schools do not have to keep to current healthy

school food standards, undoing years of progress.

The Green Party is committed to maintaining education whilst paying off the deficit through a fair tax system.

**Stuart Jeffery,  
Chair of Kent Green Party**

## Socking it to slow internet

LIKE many people in Thanet, I suffered from a very low broadband download speed, in my case, with BT.

After several fruitless conversations with technicians in India and being given a new hub, nothing improved.

However, a visit from a BT engineer discovered the reason for my slow speed.

The master phone socket, which had been fitted when my house was built, I assume, was unsuitable for modern usage and was replaced.

My download speed has increased substantially, so if you are suffering, as I was, do

try changing your phone socket and using ADSL filters in all the phone sockets around the house. This certainly worked in my case.

**Paddy Earp, Broadstairs**



## Airport flies in face of reality

THERE really is no reason to spend billions on a new Thames airport.

As I see it there are already plenty of alternatives that would reduce the number of road miles travelled to catch a flight, rather than making Kent and Essex the next blighted part of the UK purely on Boris Johnson's need to have a badge put around his neck.

If anyone thinks an airport would mean lots of new long-term jobs they are very much mistaken. Building the thing would require 20,000-plus

builders, but most would probably come from cheap European labour or the North, not local.

They would all need homes, so forget any chance of finding a green field or park in Kent – they will have to be built on.

So yes, we would see a local building boom, but then what?

I have been to most airports in the UK and many, if not all, would be better expanded to support larger/more aircraft rather than wiping out Kent. This would shorten road journeys which in these green times we should be encouraging. Why is it necessary for so many of our flights to be from Heathrow or Gatwick? Spread them around the UK.

Indeed, why do we need to encourage more flights in any case? It does not make the UK any more a growth economy.

The manufacturing industry of the UK has all but stopped which is why we end up with 'no-idea politicians' giving us schemes and money wastage projects to make us feel they are doing something.

I don't think you can send an email to the migratory birds to tell them not to come back either. They will be there no matter what.

I don't think anyone really has an idea of what the water or power requirements would be to build the airport or to provide its future needs, as well of those of the area that will be decimated by gross house building.

Forget rain catchment. We would need at least two desalination plants and two power stations. Ahh, but that's jobs isn't it? Well no not really. Labourers, perhaps 1,000, but all the skilled jobs to run either type of plants would come from outside the area. And don't forget once everything has been built where will the on-going jobs for all these people come from?

I hope the sheer cost of this idiotic plan makes people stop.

Whatever the estimate they come up with you'll have to double it. The cost to the destruction of Kent will be wholesale, so we might as well concrete over the South East and be done with it.

This will ruin Kent even more than the current London overspill plans along the Thames corridor. Oh and, of course, those very house building schemes will be under the flight path of the new airport. Yet more sense.

**Dave Tutt, Chatham**

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## Worth going the extra mile to get missing 5p

**Q** MY employer is paying 40p a mile when I use my own car on business, rather than the recommended 45p a mile. Are you able to say how I can claim the additional 5p?

**A** THERE is no legal minimum that an employer has to pay when you use your car for business purposes.

But HM Revenue & Customs has set 45p a mile as the amount you can be reimbursed by your employer without facing any tax bill. This tax exemption applies for the first 10,000 miles of business driving each year. Above this, the taxman will allow 25p a mile.

If your employer pays more, then the surplus is taxable.

Your problem is your employer does not pay the full amount. This means you can claim tax relief on the 'missing' 5p a mile. The cash value of this tax relief depends on the rate at which you yourself pay tax.

For example, if you pay tax at 40pc, the tax relief is worth 2p a mile in your pocket.

But here's another thought. Why does your employer pay 40p a mile? My guess is that this rate was set a few years ago, when the Revenue exemption was itself 40p a mile.

It might be worth telling your boss that the taxman increased the figure to 45p in April last year.

**Q** IT IS likely that I shall be made redundant. I have been told I am entitled to three months' pay in lieu of notice, a few thousands pounds due under a bonus scheme, and then an additional £20,000 redundancy payment.

The figures I have been given show that tax will be due, yet someone I know who was made redundant from a different company insists he got £30,000 and paid no tax.

How can he get £30,000 and pay no tax, while I stand to get less than £30,000 yet will pay tax?

**A** THE basic rule is that redundancy payments up to £30,000 are exempt from tax.

However, not all the money you are expecting is classed as redundancy pay.

If your contract of employment entitles you to pay in lieu of notice, this is taxed in the same way as if you had worked normally during the notice period.

Similarly, if you had carried on in your job and received bonuses in the usual way, then that money would have been taxed, too.

All that escapes tax is any payment that is linked only to your redundancy, and not to the notice period, the bonus scheme or anything else – such as holiday pay – that you would have received if the job had lasted.

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**Q** I REACHED 65 in February. I have a small private pension plan, and I intended to delay drawing the pension in the hope the fund would grow.

However, the pension company says annuity rates for men will be dropping in December, to bring them into line with rates for women. Are you aware of this, and how is it likely to affect me?

**A** I AM aware of this new rule, which will affect every man who retires after December unless he is lucky enough to be in one of the few remaining final salary pension schemes.

Everyone who saves for retirement in a 'defined contribution' scheme should understand that they have their own individual pension pot.

When they reach retirement, that pot is used to buy an annuity – a pension for life. Annuities are based on how long the pension provider thinks you will live.

Pension providers have always given men a better annuity rate because men die younger than women, bringing the annuity to an end.

The EU did not like this. Officials in Brussels regarded it as sex discrimination, so they are making it illegal from December.

Annuity rates change frequently, so nobody can predict the exact impact.

As an example, though, £10,000 would currently buy a 65-year-old man a flat rate pension of £587 a year from Legal & General, while a woman would get £562. Everyone in the industry expects male rates to fall at the end of the year.

**Q** I HAVE used up my Isa allowance, but would like to put £2,000 into an instant access savings account. Which pays the best interest?

**A** THE Online Saver account from Coventry Building Society (www.coventrybuildingsociety.co.uk) pays 3.15pc on £1 upwards, with no notice needed for withdrawals.

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## Clearer information is needed for customers should bank collapse

By **Adam Aiken**

MyMoney24 editor

THE body behind the financial services savings safety net has urged banks to give clearer information to customers about how much of their cash will be protected if the provider goes bust.

Under plans outlined by the Financial Services Authority (FSA), financial providers are to be compelled to display notices in branches and on their websites in a bid to make people more aware of deposits of up to £85,000 are protected if a bank goes bust.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), which protects consumers when banks fail, said the plans were a step in the right direction, but it urged firms to go beyond the FSA's minimum requirements.

Building societies and credit unions will also need to display posters and stickers, and foreign banks with branches in the UK which are not covered by the scheme have to state this as well as saying which other national scheme is providing protection.

"The banking crisis shows how important it is for consumers to have clear information about FSCS protection," said FSCS chief executive Mark Neale.

"We never again want to witness the run on a bank because people do not know their money is protected.

"Since then, the industry has improved the quality of information it gives to consumers about FSCS.

"However, it needs to do much more to provide clear, accurate information about the protection we provide. This is essential to building consumer confidence, and is not limited to deposits. It is something that is normal in other parts of the world."

The FSCS protects consumers if banks, building societies or credit



**SAFE:** More needs to be done to protect customers' cash if provider goes bust

unions go under. The safety net has paid out more than £26 billion in compensation to more than 4.5 million people since 2001.

"We have been working with major firms in a bid to get them to go the extra mile in building awareness of the scheme," said Mr Neale.

"We are grateful for their support and hope they will lead the way. We encourage all banks, building societies and credit unions to have stickers on display, posters and information in branch, and on their websites.

"Go the extra mile. Tell consumers about the FSCS. It is good for consumer confidence. And that is good for the industry, too."

The FSCS recently launched a £4 million publicity campaign in a bid to raise the scheme's profile, but it has since acknowledged that awareness has not been raised to the

levels hoped. The scheme covers savings up to £85,000 for single accounts and £170,000 for joint accounts if an institution goes under.

While the scheme covers deposits held with UK banks and subsidiaries of foreign banks which operate in the UK, it does not cover money held with UK branches of European banks, which are covered by the relevant compensation scheme in the country where the bank has its head office.

The compensation limit applies to money lost per banking licence and not per individual brand, meaning consumers who want to remain within the limit have to know which banking group owns any individual brand.

■ To find out which licence covers which bank or building society, visit [www.mymoney24.co.uk](http://www.mymoney24.co.uk).

## Falling house prices mean many homeowners may be due thousands in inheritance tax rebates

THOUSANDS of Britons may have paid more inheritance tax (IHT) on residential property than they should have.

IHT – which is based on the value of the property at point of death – can be reclaimed if the property sells for less within four years.

With house prices falling by more than 10 per cent over the last four years, tax specialists at NFU Mutual said that up to £90 million in tax

could be reclaimable. This equates to an average rebate of £4,260 among an estimated 21,000 estates that included residential property over the past four years.

People who inherited between June, 2008, and February, 2009, and between June, 2010, and August, 2011, are the most likely to be eligible to get money back.

"Many people don't realise they can claim back IHT if the property

they inherit sells for less than it was valued at during probate," said NFU Mutual's Sean McCann.

"And with house prices generally falling over the last four years, thousands of people could still be able to claim back any such overpayment."

NFU Mutual's calculations were made using a combination of IHT breakdowns from HM Revenue & Customs and monthly house price data produced by the Land Registry.



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## Lack of credit and withdrawal of overdrafts crippling small firms

By Nick Ames

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BRITAIN'S small businesses are continuing to suffer because of a three-year lending drought and many are unable to obtain credit at any cost, the Bank of England has warned.

And to make matters worse, many are having their overdraft facilities withdrawn, the BoE says – meaning a cashflow problem is much more likely to mean closure.

Current figures reveal that more than 50 firms across the UK close each day – and Kent businesses say the lack of bank capital is holding back expansion plans that would create jobs, stimulate the economy and increase cashflow.

Some firms that managed to get a loan said they had seen the interest rate increased, while fees levied on loans had also gone up, the BoE's report on business conditions found.

The report states: "Some firms had responded to tighter credit conditions by seeking alternative forms of finance, from wealthy individuals or institutional investors, such as pension funds.



'DOUBLE-DIP DANGER': Pam Loch

"It had become harder to secure long-term funding from banks, increasing the frequency of re-negotiations and attendant charges."

More than 50 companies every day are collapsing, according to a separate study. A total of 1,564 failed in April, and numbers are far higher among

smaller firms, the survey by information firm Experian found. Of the total, it said 688 employed 10 people or fewer.

Toby Perkins, the shadow small business minister, said: "Businesses are going under every day. Too many are struggling to get the finance they need to grow and take on extra employees."

He also slammed the Government's answer to the credit crunch, the National Loans Guarantee Scheme, as "failing to make a difference".

Christopher Shaw, chief executive of alternative finance firm Platform Black, said: "This latest Bank report confirms once and for all what any company director knows. Small and medium-sized firms are not getting credit and, worse still, are having their overdrafts cut or pulled. In the rare cases where credit is available, it is getting more expensive.

"We are experiencing a mixed reaction at the moment to confidence in the economy from our clients, contacts and suppliers. There is still a great deal of caution and we have been involved in advising on restructurings again where businesses are aiming to reduce their headcount. However, we do have many

clients who are recruiting again and recognising it could be a good time to expand through acquisitions or mergers rather than sitting still."

Pam Loch is managing partner of Tunbridge Wells-based Loch Associates Employment Lawyers as well as being president of the West Kent Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

She said: "From my involvement with businesses, I've spoken with directors and business-owners who are keen to expand their business but simply can't access the capital to do so, despite the Bank base rate being the lowest it's been in decades. The reluctance of financial institutions to lend to businesses due to economic uncertainty is quickly becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy in itself for a double-dip recession.

"In our capacity as employment lawyers, we're aware that clients still feel there is a need to reduce their overheads as they face rising costs. The Government's pledge to inject £75 billion into the economy is a timely boost to business confidence, but we do need even more measures put in place to help the SMEs at the heart of the economy."

### TRANSPORT

#### Travel firm set to cut carbon emissions

CHALKWELL Coach Hire & Tours is carrying out a full commercial trial on Energenics fuel-saving additive Envirox across the whole of its fleet of 61 coaches and buses.

An additive dosing unit will be installed at the company's main depot in Murston, near Sittingbourne, and the bulk diesel fuel-storage tank will be treated with Envirox for an initial nine-month period.

Envirox is based on a well-known oxidation catalyst used widely in catalytic converters. The material has been re-engineered using nanotechnology to allow it to be delivered as a diesel fuel treatment. This ensures a cleaner burn within the combustion chamber, resulting in improved fuel efficiency and lower emissions.

Clive Eglinton, managing director, said: "As well as the potential financial benefits, we see this as a means of improving our environmental performance. We are targeting an average fuel saving of 4 per cent, equivalent to 58 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> on an annual basis. Already 28 vehicles in our fleet have diesel particulate filters fitted, but we expect to remove a further 27kg of particulate emissions per year from the rest of the fleet through the use of Envirox."

Mike Attfield, of Energenics, said: "We are delighted to welcome Chalkwell as a customer. This will be a valuable opportunity to validate Envirox in a mixed coaching and bus operation."

### AWARDS

#### Now is the time to ensure your business talent is recognised

A BUSINESS-awards event has been launched at a gala reception.

Bromley Business Awards 2012, the second in the annual series organised by South London Business, was launched at Biggin Hill airport, the title sponsor for this venture that rewards and celebrates dynamic and innovative businesses.

Robert Walters, business-development manager at Biggin Hill Airport Ltd, said the airport company was strongly in favour of the purpose of the awards and pleased to be associated with the new season series as principal sponsor.

"The goal is to promote business in Bromley and to highlight those companies that are taking extra steps to help provide employment and

prosperity while demonstrating outstanding innovation and skills," said Walters.

More information on the 2012 Bromley Business awards can be found at [www.bromleybusinessawards.co.uk](http://www.bromleybusinessawards.co.uk) or on 0208 253 4256.

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### ECO-FRIENDLY

#### Coach-carrier claims green tourism award

EUROTUNNEL has been awarded for its commitment to reducing the carbon footprint of coach-carriers.

At the 2012 Coach Tourism Awards Eurotunnel Le Shuttle won the inaugural Coach Tourism Green Award.

The awards brought together more than 360 professionals and members of the coach tourism community, and Eurotunnel's prize was awarded by readers of Coach Monthly.

Eurotunnel is the only cross-Channel operator to carry out an annual carbon audit and has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56 per cent since 2006. Le Shuttle continues to innovate to save energy, protect air quality, manage waste and water and control noise.

Jo Willacy, Eurotunnel commercial director, said: "Eurotunnel Le Shuttle is delighted to be recognised for the continued efforts of its teams to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment and to offer passengers the greenest way to cross the Channel by coach.

"Our latest innovation, which is proving very popular, is an eco-comparison tool that allows coach operators to calculate their carbon savings when taking Le Shuttle."

The editor of Coach Monthly, Stuart Render, said: "Eurotunnel Le Shuttle plays a key role in delivering a high quality of service to coach operators across the UK."

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## FOCUS ON CHARITY

A FOCUS group has shown its support for charity.

Kent Construction Focus Group, which holds regular breakfast meetings, presented Pilgrims Hospices with a cheque for £2,300 raised on a sponsored cycle-ride between Pilgrims Hospice sites.

KCFG is a forum of Kent companies involved in the construction, design and

development sector – its aim is to highlight the construction expertise available in the county and to promote the best of building and civil-engineering projects.

The next meeting is at the London Golf Club on Tuesday with county-council leader Paul Carter. Further details are available on the KCFG website [www.kcfg.co.uk](http://www.kcfg.co.uk).



# Skills drought the biggest barrier to recruiting staff

By Nick Ames

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A LACK of skilled applicants continues to plague businesses, according to a new report.

The latest quarterly Tracking UK Recruitment report by professional staffing recruitment consultancy Barclay Meade shows more than half (54 per cent) of firms citing candidate skill shortage as their biggest barrier to recruitment.

According to the report, the first quarter of 2012 saw a 10 per cent rise in the number of local firms whose plans to strengthen their workforce were hampered by a dearth of candidates possessing the skills required to fill a vacancy.

Meanwhile, more than a third of bosses (34 per cent) in the South East feel the expense of hiring new staff is prohibitively high, a rise of 19 per cent from Q4 2011.

But, despite this, the report by Barclay Meade – part of the AIM-listed recruitment business Matchtech Group PLC – revealed almost two out of five (37 per cent) bosses in the South East were more confident about recruiting than they were in the previous quarter. Just 7 per cent declared themselves 'less confident'.

Overall hiring levels among firms in the region dipped slightly throughout the three months to March. Just over 40 per cent of business-owners said recruitment levels were similar to those before the financial crisis began in September 2007, although the number operating under a recruitment freeze rose from 17 per cent in Q4 2011 to 22 per cent, the highest level of any region in the UK and considerably higher than the national average of 13 per cent.

Among those firms in the South East that do expect to be hiring in the next quarter, 37 per cent are planning to take on administrative staff; almost a quarter (24 per cent) aim to recruit graduates; and one in 10 expects to appoint senior managers. Encouragingly, two-thirds of firms in the region said recruitment activity was to support business growth plans.

Barclay Meade's Tracking UK Recruitment 2012 Q1 report also revealed:

■ Two-thirds of businesses in the UK feel restricted by the Government's employment legislation and would like to see changes made to help them fulfil labour solutions.

■ While experts continue to debate the future economic landscape, the general consensus among the UK business community is that the outlook is hopeful. Almost two-thirds (65 per cent) of firms are 'cautiously optimistic' about



**WRITE-OFFS?** More than half of firms said skills shortages were their biggest barrier to recruitment

trading conditions during the next six months.

■ The expense of hiring new staff is an increasing problem for employers, with 52 per cent reporting it as a barrier to recruitment in the first three months of 2012, up from 20 per cent in Q4 2011.

Nigel Lynn, managing director of Barclay Meade, said: "The jobs market in the South East took a small backwards step in the first three months of 2012, and the region is home to the largest number of firms operating under a recruitment freeze."

"But the findings from our report suggest their plans and growth ambitions are being hindered by a lack of adequately-skilled staff, which is a huge concern. Investing in talent can improve the commercial value of any organisation, but this is obviously dependent on that talent being available in the first place."

"Yet despite hiring activity falling, business outlook for the next six months remains positive across the region, illustrated by the increase in the number who are optimistic about trading conditions over the next six months."

## OLYMPICS

## Planning ahead is the way to go

WITH the Olympic torch relay making its way around the UK, the final countdown to the London Games is well and truly on.

Which means now is the time employers should pre-empt potential difficulties by planning ahead, says Melissa Edmond, right, of leading regional law firm Furley Page.



"The Olympics have the potential to lift employees' spirits at a time when the economic climate threatens morale and it would be a shame to miss such a great opportunity," said Edmond, a solicitor in the employment-law team. "Time off and time-wasting are likely to be the main issues employers encounter."

"Holiday requests will be high as the Games fall within the busy summer period and staff may request time off to volunteer if lucky enough to have been selected as one of the 70,000 Games Makers."

Edmond will be cheering on the torch relay when it passes the offices of Furley Page in Canterbury in July.

She advised that consideration should be given to how holiday policies would be operated and the easiest method to avoid complaints might be a first-come-first-served basis. When it comes to volunteering, employees have no legal right to time off work for this, so employers may ask staff to take annual or unpaid leave.

Edmond added: "Holiday requests and unauthorised absences may be minimised if employers provide television coverage for key events – subject to having the appropriate licence, of course – or if employees are allowed to watch the Games on their computers."

"Such arrangements will hopefully foster a positive atmosphere in the workplace, but reasonable limits should be set out."

"It would be unrealistic to suggest that the biggest sporting event in the world will not cause employers any disruption. However, planning ahead should help."

"To be the host of the Games is a once-in-a-lifetime event and the opportunity to engage the workforce and encourage motivation through it should not be missed."

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## Training, courses and careers

# Bluewater college for students shopping for computer and engineering courses

A NEW university technical college is set to open in Kent called UTC Bluewater, but its students won't be specialising in shopping.

Some 15 UTCs around the UK have been approved by the Government, and each one will specialise in a particular area.

For instance, Warwick UTC, supported by Jaguar Land Rover will concentrate on engineering. And Heathrow UTC with British Airways and Virgin Atlantic behind them, will do aviation engineering.

UTC Bluewater, sponsored by Eurostar and Bluewater, will be doing computer science and engineering.

It has been put forward by the Leigh Technology Academy in Dartford.

Leigh Academies Trust chief executive Frank Green, said: "The range of people and organisations we have been able to bring together across our community have been united in the need for the development of a high quality, technically based education.

"It will provide the level of technical skills as well as academic learning required for the regeneration of the manufacturing base in the borough of



**BLUEWATER:** Famous for shops, it is now home to a university technical college

Dartford and in Kent Thameside, which has such a proud history of pioneering scientific and technological developments.

"The opportunity for young people, both girls and boys, to make a change at 14 or 16 to an outstanding technical education will provide more choice for them so more students can access the education and

training that best suits their talents.

"We see this as an opportunity to be a significant part of the re-building of the manufacturing capacity as the development of the vast business and commercial space around Ebbsfleet is developed.

"We have deliberately made manufacturing and computer engineering the two pillars of our UTC, as these are

essential areas for development and growth in the 21st century."

The UTC is being supported by Bluewater, Eurostar, Kenard Engineering, NWKC, Greenwich University, London Chamber of Commerce, RK International, and Caterham Cars.

The idea is the colleges will work with local employers and universities to train more than 20,000 young Brits as engineers and scientists, alongside the usual academic qualifications.

Education minister Lord Hill said: "There is a lot of enthusiasm from employers, universities, pupils and parents for high quality rigorous technical education.

"They provide more choice for children as well as helping provide the kind of highly-skilled technicians our economy needs. The response from employers to UTCs speaks for itself."

But Christine Blower, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said 14 was too young, and added: "Separating 'technical' or 'vocational' education from mainstream schools will lead to a two-tier system with technical schools being seen as the poor cousin."

The ages that will use UTCs are 14-19, rather than 11-18 as in a school, and there is no entrance test for the up to 800 students.

Mr Green said: "They are a radical solution to the inadequate number of technicians and engineers. Students spend two days a week on practical study and three days a week on academic study linking the hand with the mind.

"It is quite intensive. It significantly increases the amount of teaching time, adding a whole extra year of instruction for every two years a student is in the UTC, and extra-curricular activities are compulsory."

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## Free local history training event for teachers as online unit goes live

A NEW partnership initiative is aiming to make teaching local history more engaging for teachers in Kent.

The Canterbury Local Heritage Partnership is hosting a continuing professional development event for teachers on Wednesday, June 27, at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The free half-day event is aimed at sharing best practice for local history studies, bringing together experts from English Heritage, the Historical Association and other partners with teachers and students from four local schools to showcase new ideas and approaches to teaching local history.

The training session will include an expert-led local history continuing professional development session, to coincide with the launch of an online unit on local history created by Andrew Wrenn and English Heritage's education team.

"Teachers often create their teaching plans in

relative isolation, and particularly when you are teaching a subject like local history where there may not be quite as many resources available, it can be quite challenging to create an engaging and stimulating scheme of work," said English Heritage's regional education co-ordinator, Rachel Hudson, who is based at Dover Castle.

"This workshop day will not only give teachers the chance to see some new approaches, but also to talk to other teachers and pupils about what they enjoyed most about their local history studies, which should provide inspiring ideas to implement, both in and outside the classroom.

"Whilst facts may change from town to town, the techniques and ideas can be applied in any location."

The workshop runs from 10am-12.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend can contact Rachel Hudson on rachel.hudson@english-heritage.org.uk or call 01304 204475.

## Interns on the fast track at GForces

BEARSTED-based GForces, a web management company for the UK's automotive sector, has received glowing feedback from work-placement students who have taken part in the company's internship scheme.

GForces takes on undergraduates and students from nearby schools, universities and colleges, enrolling them in its Training Academy to gain experience in a wide range of disciplines, including web marketing, graphic design, web development, project and account management, and content and project support.

The academy gives students breadth and depth of real-world experience, and in some cases those

who do well are offered full-time positions.

The new extension to its Caring Lane HQ has enabled GForces to step up the work of its Training Academy.

Some 23 young people have been given internships at GForces over the past 12 months. Many of the internships have been organised in co-operation with the Kent Educational Business Partnership – an organisation which seeks to bring education and business together to create the next-generation of skilled employees.

Intern Camille Thompson: "The internship taught me a huge amount, and best of all, after the month was up I was offered a full-time position."



## Schools & education

### Pupils organised for competition

A PROTOTYPE computer-based organiser designed and marketed by four Year 10 students has won a business competition run by the Connexions career advice service.

The Big Business Pitch was run at The Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School Federation in Ramsgate and it generated a range of interesting and innovative ideas from the young competitors.

Staff member Eunice Scott-Smith co-ordinated the event. She explained: "Each group had to produce an A4 poster for their product or service, a financial statement, a marketing plan, and a prototype."

"During the competition weeks Connexions provided motivational speakers including Moira Cameron, the first woman Beefeater at the Tower of London, Paul Chandler who is the marketing manager for Scalextric at Margate-based Hornby Hobbies, and Beverley Aitken from Maidstone-based chartered accountants Day, Smith and Hunter.

"Six teams made it through to the school final where they had to present their product or service to a panel of judges and their peers.

"The judges were very complimentary of the standard reached in a very short time.

"The winning team produced a fantastic product with a very slick Powerpoint presentation and fielded numerous questions from the floor. Well done to all the teams who worked so hard."

The Big Business Pitch winning team who developed the organiser was made up of Kate Weedy, Hannah Blount, Charlotte Crabb, and Louisa Webb.

### Broadcast students hit right note with 'professional' music show

BROADCAST Media students at the University for the Creative Arts (UCA) have filmed a live music show at the famous Maidstone TV Studios.

Unsigned Live, a 30-minute studio production which showcased local bands, was recorded in the same professional facilities that are usually home to major network programmes, such as ITV1's Take Me Out.

Second year students on the broadcast media course, which is based at Maidstone Studios, created the show as part of a university project. They collaborated with BA (Hons) creative arts for theatre and film students at UCA Rochester who made the sets and props.

Senior lecturer for broadcast media Simon Welsford, said: "Unsigned Live was a huge success. I was really impressed with the students' attention to detail, not just on the day of filming, but also with the bands they managed to attract, the accompanying website they made, and the buzz they managed to create."

"Basing the course at Maidstone Studios offers a unique setting for our students and enables them to make professional productions.



**LIVE:** The show was made at Maidstone Studios

"It is impossible for this to feel like a student project because they are using a working gallery and studio, the crew have radio contact, even the presenter and bands have their own dressing rooms – it's a full-on television production which just happens to be made by students."

"We are very excited and fortunate to be able to make use of these facilities for our course."

You can watch the full show plus behind-the-scenes clips at: <http://unsignedlive.weebly.com/episodes>.

### Business advice for IT youngsters

SHEPPEY students have been receiving top tips from a London IT firm about how to get ahead in business.

Nine BTEC ICT practitioner students from Canterbury College at Sheppey took part in a series of mock interviews for Norland Managed Services, designed to give them the edge in the jobs market.

They had to get suited and booted for the interviews, which took place at the college's Bridge Road campus.

Norland's IT director Barry Robinson and recruitment manager Kevin Ward travelled down from the capital to grill the 'candidates' before offering them constructive feedback and helping to improve their CVs.

The students' tutor Clare Baker-Harrison said: "The session was really useful for the students and gave them a valuable insight into the working world."

"Norland were very impressed by how seriously they took it."

The students were equally enthusiastic. Joe Risbridger, 19, said: "It not only gave me experience but helped me to realise the area of IT I wish to work in after finishing this course."

"The feedback I received from Barry and Kevin was excellent."

"They reviewed my CV and helped me understand interview areas I am good at and those that need to be developed."

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**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

**KCC/MA/0185/2012 - Proposed development at Invicta House, Sessions House Square, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.**

Kent County Council is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission to install solar PV panels on three sides of the external roof area. The solar array would be a 49.35 kWp area. This would have 210 x 235 watt PV panels. The proposed development would affect the setting of a nearby listed building.

You may view this application at Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 23 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 10 June 2012



**TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL)  
REGULATIONS 2012**

**Application for designation of the Civil parish of Hythe as a neighbourhood area**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Shepway District Council has received from Hythe Town Council an application under regulation 5 of the above regulations for the district council to designate the civil parish of Hythe as a neighbourhood area within the meaning of Section 61G of the 1990 Act. The purpose of designating an area as a neighbourhood area is so that a neighbourhood plan can be prepared for that area.

A copy of the application and a map of the area can be viewed on the district council's website at [www.shepway.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.shepway.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning) or at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY during normal office hours.

Representations on whether the civil parish of Hythe is an appropriate neighbourhood area may be made to the district council no later than 23rd July by writing to Chris Lewis, Head of Planning, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone CT20 2QY or by email to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Telephone 01303 853278 for further information.

Chris Lewis,  
Head of Planning  
8th June 2012

**Highways Notices can  
be found on pages 28  
and 29**

## Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**12/01565/HOUSE 7 Fuggles Court Benenden, Benenden**  
- Single storey rear extension (CA)

**12/01577/FUL Beacon Hall House Rolvenden Road, Benenden**  
- Conversion of stables to holiday-let accommodation (LB)

**12/01451/FUL Blue Cedars Langton Road, Broadwater**  
- Demolition of bungalow and replace with a detached 3-bedroom house (CA)

**12/01510/HOUSE 8A Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**  
- Conversion of garage into habitable space and extending over on first floor. Single storey rear extension. Render to ground floor (CA)

**12/01584/LBC Mascalls Court Cottage Mascalls Court Road, Paddock Wood**  
- Listed building consent - alteration works and removal of chimney stack on the north west elevation (works already completed) (LB)

**12/01484/FUL Treetops & Thornbury Sandrock Road, Park**  
- Conversion of two flats to single dwelling; remodelling of house with improved external materials and new windows/doors; balcony to north west corner; dormers amended and new dormer/rooflights added; landscape works to southern end of site (CA)

**12/01576/FUL Park View Pembury Road, Park**  
- (Part site) four-bedroom detached dwelling (Redesign of approved application TW/11/00360/FUL) (CA)

**12/01579/HOUSE Old Place Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**  
- Conversion of part of the ground floor of the existing Coach House to ancillary residential accommodation. Extension on west elevation (revised application to previously consented scheme, TW/10/02116 refers) (LB)

**12/01583/LBC Old Place Bodiam Road, Sandhurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Conversion of part of the ground floor of the existing Coach House to ancillary residential accommodation. Extension on west elevation (revised application to previously consented scheme, TW/10/02118 refers) (LB)

**12/01475/FULMJ Texaco 13 - 17 London Road, Southborough Town Council**  
- Demolition of petrol filling station/car dealership buildings and construct a 74 bed care home with new access and landscaped gardens (MAJOR) (LB) (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting A Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgejwells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgejwells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
Dated: 09 June 2012



**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND  
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.

**REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 25TH JUNE 2012**

SW/12/0561 & SW/12/0562:  
Loft conversion with 1 conservation rooflight & 1 dormer window to rear elevation. Existing concrete tiled roof to be replaced with slate tiles - 15 Edith Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0567 & SW/12/0734:  
Application to extend original planning permission SW/09/0323 - Parsonage Farm House, The Street, BREDGAR; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0666:  
Erection of fences, gates and shed - Wheelwrights Cottages, 1 Lewson Street, NORTON; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0699:  
1) House conversion; 2) Demolish existing rear extension and replace with new rear extension with rear terrace; 3) works to reinstate chimney stack; 4) Other minor alterations - 22 Church Road, OARE; REASON 2

SW/12/0670:  
Yew Tree Cottage, 2 Hogbens Hill, SELLING; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0711:  
Listed Building Consent for replacement of gas supplies pipe - 7/8 Davington Cottages, Davington Hill, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning



**THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications**

**MA/11/2128/S** - 20, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 8RT - Change of use and extension of the premises from offices to residential to provide a total of 5 flats including the demolition of the existing rear extension and erection of part two/part single storey rear extensions to the building fronting Tonbridge Road, together with parking provision and cycle storage and bin enclosures. **Reason: 9**

**MA/12/0492/S** - 1, SHEPHERDS COTTAGES, WATER LANE, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OSG - Retrospective application for erection of close boarded fencing and entrance gates and for the laying of hardstanding. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0624/S** - LITTLE ADDLESTEAD, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6EY - Erection of a two storey side extension, installation of 1 no front dormer window, 3 no rear dormer windows and changes to fenestration. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0766/S** - 466, 468, 470, LOOSE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9UA - Demolition of 466, 468 and 470 Loose Road including all associated buildings and erection of 11(no) detached dwellings with new service road and associated works. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0773/S** - 3, ELVEYS COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HY - Two storey side extension and porch (resubmission of MA/12/0374). **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0780/N** - IVY HOUSE, THE GREEN, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4DN - Listed building consent for internal alterations including removal of existing modern partition walls, erection of new internal stud wall, replacement of sanitary fittings, new internal door, raising of ceiling level beneath catwalk and removal of modern fireplace and insertion of rooflight. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0796/S** - CHERRY MOUNT, MALTHOUSE HILL, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OBP - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/0797/S** - COURT LODGE PARK, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OPD - Demolition of existing eastern extension and replacement with conservatory and extension of existing rear conservatory to provide additional living accommodation. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0808/S** - OLD FOWLE HALL, QUEEN STREET, PADDOCK WOOD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 6PL - Orangery to replace existing conservatory. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0809/S** - OLD FOWLE HALL, QUEEN STREET, PADDOCK WOOD, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 6PL - Listed Building Consent for orangery to replace existing conservatory. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0812/S** - ST HELENS, LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OUT - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a single storey orangery. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0813/S** - COURT LODGE PARK, LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 OPD - Listed building consent for demolition of existing eastern extension and replacement with conservatory and extension of existing rear conservatory to provide additional living accommodation. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0823/S** - HORLANDS FARM, SUMMERHILL ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9DB - Change of use of land from agriculture to keeping of horses; erection of horse livery building, machinery storage building and circular horse training area; and introduction of ancillary hard surfaces. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0825/S** - LAND REAR OF, FORMER BP FILLING STATION, 531, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9LN - An application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission MA/08/2384 (erection of 14 No. residential units) to allow a further three years in which to implement the development. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0828/N** - HARRIETSHAM ALMSHOUSES, EAST STREET, HARRIETSHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1HJ - Erection of ten 1-bedroom almshouses and a day room and provision of enlarged car parking area including the demolition of existing garage/store building. **Reason: 1, 2, 6**

**MA/12/0843/S** - LITTLE MOATENDEN, MAIDSTONE ROAD, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9PT - Change of use of land to residential and erection of a three bay garage/store with room in the roof to provide home office (Resubmission of MA/12/0843). **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0863/N** - 55 - 57, WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1QU - Installation of new shop front and associated works. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0864/N** - 55 - 57, WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1QU - Listed building consent for the Installation of new shop front and associated works including new door to rear. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0877/N** - ETHOS, 9, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - Alterations to ground floor shop front. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0878/N** - ETHOS, 9, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - Listed building consent for internal alterations, installation of 4(no) satellite dishes, 1(no) TV aerial, 3(no) air conditioning units, replacement of fenestration to front elevation at ground floor level and erection of 1(no) externally illuminated fascia sign formed from individually built lettering and 1(no) externally illuminated projecting sign. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0879/N** - ETHOS, 9, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - Installation of 3(no) air conditioning units, 4(no) satellite dishes and 1(no) TV aerial. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0880/N** - ETHOS, 9, GABRIELS HILL, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6HL - Change of use of basement and ground floor level to bookmakers (A2 Use). **Reason: 1, 2**

**Reasons for advertisement key:**

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **24th June 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 10th June 2012



## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

We Manelght Ltd. t/a Tap 'n' Tin (Chatham) are applying for a new Premises Licence at the Tap 'n' Tin, 24 Railway Street, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4JT. Our application is made to Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR.

We are applying for the following licensable activities Sale of Alcohol (10am – 03.30), Regulated Entertainment (10am till 03.30) and Late Night Refreshment (10am – 03.30).

Should you wish to make representations to the Council it must be in writing and/or you can view our application by contacting the Council on 01634 337107 or 337108 by 4th July 2012.

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## PLANNING

## Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
 Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
 Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
 Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA/12/00771/FUL: St Edmund's School, St Thomas Hill, Canterbury, CT2 8HU** Application for a new planning permission to replace planning permission CA/09/00323/CAN for the construction of astro-turf pitch and floodlighting in order to extend the time limit for implementation.  
**Applicant: St Edmund's School** Reason: Public right of way/major development.  
**CA/12/00819/FUL: Court Lodge Coach House and Stable, Church Lane, Nackington, Lower Hardres, CT4 7AE** Conversion of coach house to residential accommodation to provide ancillary living accommodation to Court Lodge.  
**Applicant: Mr and Mrs Thomas** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/12/00830/LUP: 1 Beach Alley, Whitstable, CT5 1BS** Certificate of proposed lawful development for a single-storey extension to rear.  
**Applicant: Mr Newton** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/00842/FUL: 43 Albert Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HS** Replacement windows and front door.  
**Applicant: Mr Ingoldby** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/00854/LB: 19 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TH** Installation of non-illuminated hanging sign.  
**Applicant: County Clothes** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/12/00856/LB: 27 St Dunstons Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BT** Installation of two hanging signs.  
**Applicant: Mrs S Wood** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/12/00890/VAR: Canterbury College, New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3AJ** Variation of condition 01 of planning permission CA/09/00010/CAN to allow retention of temporary building and contractor's compound until August 2015.  
**Applicant: Canterbury College** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/00891/FUL: Yew Tree Farmhouse, Stone Street, Petham, CT4 5PL** Extension to outbuilding incorporating cart shed and store.  
**Applicant: Mr R Cadman** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.  
**CA/12/00892/FUL: The Masonic Library and Museum, St Peter's Place, Canterbury, CT1 2BG** Partial replacement of boundary wall with gates and piers. (Revised scheme).  
**Applicant: Masonic Province East Kent** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/00897/OUT: Land rear of 273-285a, Sturry Road, Canterbury, CT1 1DS** Erection of a two-storey block of student accommodation (10 x one bed studio apartments) with associated cycle store and refuse enclosure. (Outline application).  
**Applicant: Sloggett Group Ltd** Reason: Major development.  
**CA/12/00902/LB: Chislet Court, Church Lane, Chislet, CT3 4DU** Change of use of east wing from storage to annexe, associated internal and external alterations and garden room extension.  
**Applicant: Mr M and Mrs K Wilkinson** Reason: Work to a listed building.  
**CA/12/00907/ADV: 27 St Dunstons Street, Canterbury, CT2 8BT** Installation of two hanging signs.  
**Applicant: Mrs S Ward** Reason: Conservation area.  
**CA/12/00908/VAR: Chislet Court, Church Lane, Chislet, CT3 4DU** Variation of condition 02 of planning permission CA/10/02067/FUL relating to approved drawing numbers, changes to design of garden room and associated details.  
**Applicant: Mr and Mrs Wilkinson** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.  
**CA/12/00934/LB: Yew Tree Farmhouse, Stone Street, Petham, CT4 5PL** Extension to outbuilding incorporating cart shed and store.  
**Applicant: Mr R Cadman** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.control@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 2 July 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
 Friday 8 June 2012



### THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0491/SH - Nightingale Cottage High Street Elham Canterbury Kent** - Erection of a two storey rear extension.  
**Y12/0308/SH# - GJB Autos North Street New Romney Kent TN28 8DW** - Erection of a terrace of 3 No. 3 bedroom dwellings with associated parking following demolition of existing building.  
**Y12/0459/SH - 37 Sandgate Hill Sandgate Folkestone Kent CT20 3AX** - Retrospective application for the erection of a detached timber outbuilding on supporting timbers.  
**Y12/0516/SH - Hythe Lawn Tennis Club Twiss Road Hythe Kent** - Felling of two Elm trees situated within a conservation area followed by the planting of a Lombardy Poplar and a Lime tree.  
**Y12/0515/SH - Folkestone Library 2 Grace Hill Folkestone Kent CT20 1HD** - Listed building consent to erect partition walls within entrance foyer to form new registry office.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney  
 + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe  
 Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.  
 The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.  
 C Lewis, Head of Planning  
 Shepway District Council

## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

## PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE AND SWALE

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH389, KH448/ZR305, KH449, KH450, KH451 IN THE PARISHES OF WICHLING, OTTERDEN AND DODDINGTON**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH389, KH448/ZR305, KH449, KH450, KH451 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(3), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed the following Public Footpaths

- KH389 (between Hubbards Hill and Payden Street) for approx 1 week
- KH450 (between Paydens Street Farm and north of The Homestead) for approx 1 week
- KH451 (between Payden Street and Slade Road) for approx 1 week
- KH448 (between the junction with KH454 and the junctions with Slade Road / Old Farm Lane) for approx 3 weeks
- KH449 (between Payden Street and the junction with KH448) for approx 3 weeks

from the 1st June 2012

The Order allows for the paths to be closed for a maximum of six months, should this be necessary.

The paths will be closed because works to excavate and build a pipeline are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: John Pelham

**Countryside Access Service  
 Kent County Council**

**Invicta House  
 County Hall  
 Maidstone  
 Kent  
 ME14 1XX**

**Dated: 10th June 2012**

*This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.*

For further information, please contact  
 Kent Countryside Access Service,  
 on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)  
 or visit  
[www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess](http://www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess)



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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

**HIGH STREET, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to the granite setts in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Ashford, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Street and Wellesley Road.

The alternative route is via North Street, Park Street, Edinburgh Road, A292 Somerset Road and Wellesley Road.

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between North Street and Wellesley Road to allow access from either direction, up to the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**A28 WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide services and drainage for a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Wincheap, Canterbury, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

The work will be carried out in 2 phases, the first phase being a full time east-bound closure with the second phase being night time closures in both directions.

The start date for the second phase may vary, dependent on progress with the earlier phase.

The closures are between the junctions with Ten Perch Road and Cow Lane, with access only, as far as Homersham.

The alternative route for both phases is via Ten Perch Road, The Boundary, Cotton Road and Cow Lane.

**PHASE 1** - from 11 June 2012, for up to 8 days, Wincheap will be closed to eastbound (Canterbury-bound) traffic.

There will be no entry from Cow Lane into Cotton Road except access for collections and deliveries to Homebase and Mitcham Building Supplies.

Traffic leaving Canterbury will be unaffected.

**PHASE 2** - from 18 June 2012 Wincheap will be closed in both directions, for up to 3 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 5.00 am the following morning.

**MILL VIEW ROAD, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill View Road, Herne, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Sections of the road will be closed in phases, with access to Strode Park maintained from at least one of its junctions.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Mill Lane, School Lane, Herne Street and Canterbury Road.

**STATION ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow the safe use of a crane to lift building materials onto a new development, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Whitstable, on or after 11 June 2012, as detailed below.

There will be one closure during week commencing 11 June 2012 and one closure during week commencing 18 June 2012.

The specific closure dates will be advised locally and signposted on site.

Each closure will be for up to 1 day, within the hours of 8.30 am and 4.00 pm.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of number 89.

The alternative route is via Westmead Road and Diamond Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**BACK STREET, RINGWOULD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Back Street, Ringwould, Deal, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 days, between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Front Street.

**SANDOWN ROAD, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandown Road, Sandwich, on or after 18 June 2012 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases between the junctions with St George's Road and Knighttrider Street.

The alternative routes are via St George's Road, New Street, Hamet Street, Strand Street, Upper Strand Street and Knighttrider Street, or in reverse via Knighttrider Street, Upper Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street and St George's Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Gravesham

**JUBILEE CRESCENT, GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Essential carriageway and footway repairs , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Jubilee Crescent, Gravesend, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Hampton Crescent to outside 100 Jubilee Crescent.

**LEYWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Electrical power cable up-grade, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Leywood Road, Meopham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the top section of Leywood Road near the junction of Luxon Road.

The alternative route is via Lockyers Hill, Strawberry Hill, Dean Lane and White Horse Lane.

**PRIESTWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT work to access a underground structure to allow a new customer connection , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priestwood Road, Meopham , on or after 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

Priestwood Road will be closed at the Junction with Chandlers Road.

Through traffic will be directed around the works via the island in Chandlers Road at junction with Priestwood Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Maidstone

**FARLEIGH HILL, TOVIL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace manholes, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Hill, Tovil, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Straw Mill Hill.

The alternative route is via Burial Ground Lane, Tovil Green, Lower Tovil, Church Street, Tovil Hill.

**GRAVELLY BOTTOM ROAD, LEEDS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of CCTV works on sewers, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Bottom Road, Leeds, on or after 13 June 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Ulverscroft.

The alternative route is via Gravelly Bottom Road, Broomfield Road, Park Barn Road, Burberry Lane, Upper Street, Ulcombe Road, Gravelly Bottom Road.

**GRAVELLY WAYS, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Ways, Yalding, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 nights between 23.30hrs and 05.40hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the Beltring Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Beltring Road, A228 Branbridges Road/Boyle Road, B2015 Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Gravelly Ways.

**HEADCORN ROAD LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because BT have requested safe access to underground structure for cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Headcorn Road Lenham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed .

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of green lane along Headcorn Lane to the junction of Lenham road for the entire length .

The alternative route is via Via Green Lane , Lenham Road.

**SIMMONDS LANE, OTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Simmonds Lane, Otham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Foxgloves.

The alternative route is via Honey Lane, White Horse Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC, BAN RIGHT TURN, SUSPEND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule below.

The Order will become effective on 11th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. These restrictions will be effective as and when required and the appropriate signage is in place.

Stone St phase 2 and 3 traffic orders  
Phase 2 Mid June - October

LOWER STONE ST AND HALE RD		
	As required and indicated by signs 1st July 2012 - 26th October 2012	Diversion
1	Close Romney Place	Padsole Lane Mote Rd
2	Close Lower Stone St (night closure 2230 - 0500)	Romney Place Radssole Lane Mote Rd
3	Ban right turn into Knighttrider St*	Romney Place Padsole Lane and Mote Rd
4	Close Mote Rd slip from Lower Stone St (night only)*	Romney Place Padsole Lane
5	Close Campbell Rd at junction with Hayle Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Muir Rd, Old Tovil Rd, Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd, Hayle Rd

6	Close Old Tovil Rd (E) at junction with Hayle Rd/ Postley Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Hayle Rd Mill St Palace Ave Lower Stone St Upper Stone St Campbell Rd Muir Rd
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\*provisional orders to be used if necessary after site investigation

Phase 3 October - March 2013 Upper Stone St		
CLOSURES		Diversion
	As required and indicated by signs 26th October 2012 - 31st March 2013	
7	Foster St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Brunswick St Priory Rd
8	Brunswick St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Foster St and Priory Rd
9	George St at Junction with Upper Stone St*	Brunswick St
10	Campbell Rd at Junction with Upper Stone St suspend one way order between Upper Stone St and Rawdon Rd*	Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd, Old Tovil Rd, Rawdon Rd
11	Brunswick St East from Upper Stone St to Melville Rd Waterloo St at Junction with Upper Stone St suspend no entry at east end	East bound Upper Stone St Waterloo St Kingsley Rd Melville Rd Westbound Melville Rd Mote Rd and Upper Stone St
12		Brunswick St Kingsley Rd
13	Upper Stone St from Mote Rd to Waterloo St (Night only 2230 - 0500)	Through Traffic - Mote Rd, Watt Tyler Way, Ashford Rd, Willington St, Sutton Rd, Loose Rd Local Traffic (no HGV) Mote Rd, Hastings Rd, Waterloo St, - suspend No Entry Waterloo St at junction with Kingsley Rd
14	College Walk Footpath*	Priory Rd, Mill St, College Rd

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Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Adsley on 01233 714082.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**CASTLE HILL, HARTLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Hill, Hartley, Sevenoaks between the junction of Fawkham Road, Fawkham and Ash Road, Hartley.

The Order will become effective on 24th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 25 June 2012 and will last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Ash Road in Hartley and Hartley Road and Main Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Longfield and Fawkham Road, Fawkham.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a new gas supply.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**A259 RED LION SQUARE, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through

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## HIGHWAYS

traffic on the A259, Hythe, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 3 nights, between 7.00 pm and 1.00 am.

There will be no access through Hythe using the A259 during these works.

The A259 will be closed in the vicinity of Red Lion Square, as detailed below.

Eastbound, the closure is from Military Road (from the junction of the road leading to Military Road Car park) including Red Lion Square into Rampart Road as far as the junction with Stade Street.

Westbound, the A259 closure is of Rampart Road from the junction with Stade Street through Red Lion Square into Dymchurch Road, as far as the junction with Portland Road.

The alternative route is via A259 Dymchurch Road, Scanlons Bridge Road (Military Road in reverse) A261 London Road, Hythe Road, A20 Ashford Road, Sandling Road, Ashford Road, Junction 11 Stanford Intersection, A20 Ashford Road, Junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, B2064 Cheriton High Street, Cheriton Road, A259 Castle Hill Avenue, Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue, Sandgate Road, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate Esplanade, Seabrook Road, East Street, Prospect Road and Rampart Road.

#### VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE AREA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Folkestone Area, as shown below.

Planned closure times are between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

**ALBION ROAD, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 11 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

The closure is in the vicinity of the junction with Fernbank Crescent.

The alternative route is via Linden Crescent and Canterbury Road.

**AUDLEY ROAD, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is between Shorncliffe Road and Croft Lane

The alternative route is via Shorncliffe Road, Cooling Lane and Croft Lane.

**GRIMSTON GARDENS, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is on the eastern section of the road, to the north of the T-junction.

Access remains from the remainder of the road.

**NAILDOWN CLOSE, SEABROOK** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

#### MINTCHING WOOD LANE AND RAWLING STREET, MILSTEAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of phone cabling works in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mintching Wood Lane and Rawling Street, Milstead, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

**MINTCHING WOOD LANE** will be closed from 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days

The closure is in the vicinity of Walnut Tree Cottages, with no through access between the junctions with Wood Lane and Bluetown Lane.

The alternative route is via Wood Lane, Manor Road and Bluetown Lane.

**RAWLING STREET** will be closed on 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day.

The closure is between Lion Farm Cottages and The Larches, with no through access between the junctions with Mintching Wood Lane (north of the M2) and Cheney Hill.

The alternative route is via Broadoak Road, Bottom Pond Road and Cheney Hill.

#### HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

##### OAK LANE, MINSTER-ON-SEA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through

traffic on Oak Lane, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 25 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside The Oaks to the entrance to Seacliffe Caravan Park.

There is no alternative route as this section of the road is a No Through Road.

Every effort will be made to allow as much access as possible, whenever safe to do so, but there will be times when the use of machinery prevents this.

#### PRESTON GROVE, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of electricity cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Preston Grove, Faversham, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with the A2 London Road.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, The Mall, Preston Lane and Preston Grove.

#### HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

##### B2053 NORTHDOWN HILL AND WESTOVER ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2053 Northdown Hill and Westover Road, Broadstairs, on or after 28 June 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 1.00 am.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pearsons Way and Westover Gardens.

The alternative route is via B2053 Northdown Hill, Green Lane, B2052 George Hill Road, Convent Road and Beacon Road.

#### EPPLE ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable a bridge safety inspection to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Epple Road, Birchington, on or after 11 June 2012 between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Epple Road, Alpha Road, Station Approach, Rossetti Road, Epple Bay Road and Cross Road.

#### SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE & CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable the construction of traffic calming measures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandwich Road, Ramsgate & Canterbury Road West, Minster / Manston.

This Order takes effect on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 months.

Closures of Sandwich Road and Canterbury Road West will take place on various nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am, with specific dates notified one week beforehand.

Only one of the roads will be closed at any one time.

**SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE** (formerly A256) will be closed to through traffic between Ebbsfleet Roundabout and Lord of the Manor Junction.

The alternative route is via A256 Richborough Way and A299 Hengist Way

**CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON** (formerly A299) will be closed to through traffic between Cliffsend Roundabout and Lord of the Manor Junction.

The alternative route is via A299 Hengist Way.

#### ST PAUL'S ROAD, CLIFTONVILLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow electricity cabling repairs to be carried out, Kent

County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Paul's Road, Cliftonville, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Sweyn Road.

There is no alternative route. The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access up to where the road is closed.

#### HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge & Malling

##### A228 SEVEN MILE LANE, EAST PECKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of street cleansing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than 30mph on A228 Seven Mile Lane, East Peckham between A26 Tonbridge Road and A228 Boyle Way on or after 16 June 2012 for up to 16 days or until the works have been completed.

##### COMP LANE, PLATT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Long Mill Lane, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane

##### TAYLORS LANE, TROTTSCLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace electricity power lines, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Taylors Lane, Trottscliffe, on or after 26 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed along the whole length.

The alternative route is southbound traffic via Pilgrims Way, Pinesfield Lane, Church Road and northbound is via Wrotham Water Lane, Pilgrims Way, A227 Gravesend Road, Pilgrims Way.

##### WELL STREET, EAST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole and provide a new water connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Well Street, East Malling, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Broadwater Road to outside 177.

The alternative route is via Clare Lane, Mill Street, Wateringbury Road, Pikey Lane.

#### HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

##### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (NORTH FARM ROAD/DOWDING WAY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on North Farm Road/Dowding

Way, Tunbridge Wells from the junction of Chapman Way to Lamberts Road. This closure will come into effect on or after Monday 25th June 2012 between 21.00hrs and 06.00hrs for an estimated period of up to 5 nights or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via North Farm Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Liptraps Lane and Lamberts Road. The environmental 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Birken Road and Liptraps Lane is temporarily suspended for the duration of these works.

Connect Traffic Management apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for works to the railway bridge. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Paul Coppin on 0844 812 6006.

#### HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone and Tonbridge & Malling

##### THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL/ WHETSTED ROAD, YALDING/BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM/BOYLE WAY, B2160 MAIDSTONE ROAD, YALDING, BELTRING ROAD, EAST PECKHAM, BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM) (50MPH & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) (NO STOPPING OR WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

##### THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public the Kent County Council intends to make an Order with the following restrictions.

- 1) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel from the junction with B2017 Badsell Road to Little Eden Farm, A228 Whetsted Road, Capel.
- 2) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph is prohibited on the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel between Little Eden Farm to the roundabout outside the main entrance to The Hop Farm Country Park.
- 3) Eastbound traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 50mph is prohibited on the A228 Hale Street By-Pass from the junction with B2015 Maidstone Road to the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate.
- 4) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on A228 Branbridges Road from the roundabout at Branbridges Industrial Estate to the roundabout at the Hop Farm Country Park.
- 5) Traffic travelling at any speed in excess of 30mph in both directions is prohibited on the B2160 Maidstone Road from the roundabout at The Hop Farm Country Park to Transfesa Road.
- 6) The effect of the Order will be to introduce prohibition of waiting or stopping on A228 Maidstone Road from B2017 Badsell Road/Whetsted Road/Branbridges Road/ Boyle Way to A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road between Transfesa Road and A228 Whetsted Road roundabout and Beltring Road between A228 Branbridges Road to Torbay Road.
- 7) Prohibit waiting and stopping on Branbridges Road, outside of the Industrial Estate.

These restrictions are to be in place, when required as indicated by signage on site on Thursday 28th June 2012 to Monday 2nd July 2012 and Wednesday 18th July 2012 to Sunday 22nd July 2012.

The Hop Farm Country Park apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions which are necessary due to large scale events taking place.

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Dated 10th June 2012

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**ELIZABETH** 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990

**51YR** old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916

**SARAH** 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912

**AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389411

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743

**ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496

**FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787

**CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565

**JUNE** good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

**46YR** old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143

**MONIQUE** black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220

**WELL** educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136

**BUBBLY** female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815

**MARIE** 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222

**JACKIE** late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283

**BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503

**Hi I'm Jane** a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643

**SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

**BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

**LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

**DONNA** 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

**SARAH** 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097

**DENISE** very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093

**SUSAN** very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTm genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085

**JACKIE** 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013

**JAYNE** honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985

**TINA** new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625

**ATTRACTIVE** lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987

**TARA** 5ft big blue eyed babe with a cute smile looking for older sugar daddy who is not afraid to spend a little to live a lot! Good times always guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381731

**NIAMH** slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real woman. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051

**EMMA** pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373

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## CONSERVATION

## White Cliffs Countryside Partnership

# The gateway guardians

**Dave Mairs** meets the group ensuring England's front line keeps a place for nature

**A**s a survival strategy, that of the late spider orchid might leave a little to be desired. With its pollination and, ultimately, existence dependent on a species of bee that doesn't occur in the UK, it is a wonder it survives on our shores at all.

And, quite possibly, without the efforts of organisations such as the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, it wouldn't.

The organisation that started out as the White Cliffs Countryside Project came into being in 1989, a year in which just six late spider orchids were recorded on what was to become one of its core sites, Folkestone Downs. Across Kent, the only county to host the species, the population probably numbered no more than a few hundred. Extinction here beckoned.

A helping hand was needed if this intriguing plant was to have a British future, and in south Kent it came from the project, or, more particularly, from the cattle that were brought in to those sites still hosting it.

They were needed to maintain the chalk grassland that supports not just this intriguing orchid but so much other wonderful wildlife – this is a semi-natural habitat that would not exist without grazing. The landscape would revert to scrub and ultimately woodland, and hefty chunks of one of Europe's finest wildlife habitats would disappear.

And who's to say that we don't live in a part of the world where nature needs all the help it can get? Standing with the partnership's Kirk Alexander and Phil Green on the Folkestone Downs overlooking the sprawling, unlovely Channel Tunnel workings that have ripped such a gaping scar in this part of the county, it's easy to believe that here is an area in which the wonders of our natural world have come very much second best.

While the wounds of development will perhaps never fully heal, you soon discover that nature has not simply clung on here but is, to some extent at least, thriving.

This is Eurotunnel territory and, although there are legal obligations to wildlife protection, Kirk is keen to point out that the company "went way beyond what was needed by law", both in respect of the orchid and the project itself.

Phil goes further: "The project probably wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for Eurotunnel. They're not the only funders, but there's a good probability that without them this wouldn't have happened. They also help with bidding for European funding... cross-borders money and so on."

Now in its 23rd year, WCCP manages 20 sites that cover some 300 hectares of chalk grassland in the Dover and Folkestone area. There are 12 staff, but some of these are part-time, making an equivalent of eight full-time workers.

The partnership is about very much more than just one species, although the late spider orchid is unquestionably a jewel in the crown, and indeed



**ROLLING BACK THE YEARS:** WCCP staff (Kirk Alexander is on the right) back when it all began in 1989, left, and an expanded team some 20 years on



its remit extends to more than simply conserving wildlife... it is also of inestimable benefit to people.

Huge numbers of visitors come to walk, relax or see the area's wonderful range of flowers (Folkestone Warren, for example, hosts more than 100,000 people a year), while there are now an impressive 15 participating organisations.

Vital though WCCP is in this beleaguered, overcrowded part of the world, it would not be with us were it not for the cooperation – and in some cases money – of those partner groups.

The WCCP budget is substantial, covering some £300,000 a year. Dover District Council is the 'responsible body', contributing £90,000 per annum, while neighbouring Shepway council gives £40,360 and Eurotunnel the same amount. And the good folk of south-east Kent get their money's worth...

"We're not here to deter people – we don't want to frighten them away," said Kirk. "Virtually everything we have is open to the public – we want people to come here."

So everyone's a winner, not least the late spider orchid, which in 2011 numbered an encouraging 200 individuals in the Folkestone and Cheriton area alone.

With the exception of a few individuals scattered along the downs, the next reasonably-sized colonies are at Wye National Reserve, where habitat management has also resulted in more plants. After that, there are none.

The reintroduction of cattle by WCCP (some sites had not been grazed for 50 years) as part of a wider management regime has delivered an impressive return, but we're still left with the

conundrum of how this intriguing plant survives in the absence of its apparently vital partner insect. Self-pollination? No. So how?

"They're long-lived – eight to 15 years, on average – and that helps," said Phil, a man who really does get up close and personal with the plants and has perhaps done more than anyone to secure their Kentish future.

"When numbers are high – as they are now, and were in the late 1800s and early 1900s – the chances of casual pollination by other species of insect to a couple of flowers is high.

"But when numbers had got as low as they were when WCCP started, and indeed long before, then any pollination is unlikely and in the early days there was no pollination that wasn't down to humans.

"I have to collect the pollen from a flower of one plant and place this on the stigma [the female part] of another plant's flower. The pollen is stored away in little sacs – it isn't loose, as in most other plant species – so these sacs have to be physically carried from one plant to another.

"My pollination is carried out under licence, otherwise it would be illegal to interfere with them, as the late spider orchid is legally protected.

"Occasionally, the wind or a passing animal may cause the pollen sacs to come loose and fall on the stigma of the same flower, but this would not normally happen and can't be guaranteed."

Phil's intimate intervention aside, the cattle hold the key at Folkestone Downs and at similar sites, their no-nonsense approach to wrapping rough tongues around vegetation such as the rugged tor grass and ripping it up meaning there

is no fancy nibbling of the short sward so important to the chalk flora and fauna.

There is, it should be noted, more to chalk-grassland management than simply releasing a herd of cows into a field and leaving them to it. Variety of habitat is crucial if the mosaic of grasses, herbs, flowers, butterflies and all the rest with their differing needs are to thrive... there is a lot to consider and opinions on the exact methods as mixed as the range of species to be protected.

All have their intrinsic value, but it is impossible to deny the historic bond between the late spider orchid and this south-eastern tip of the North Downs, for it was on Cheriton Hill that the species was first discovered in the UK.

Its prospects look healthier than they have for years, but what of those of WCCP?

"It depends what the Government does," said Kirk. "Natural England has already had its budget cut. There are changing priorities. Everybody's cutting back and we've taken cuts before."

"We raise quite a bit of our own funding, but otherwise it's split pretty much equally between local government, central government and Europe, and private sources."

Wherever the money comes from, the continued success of the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership should be appreciated by us all.

You don't need to be a botanist or wildlife expert to appreciate its work. If you simply value the opportunity to walk in open space surrounded by some very special wildlife away from the cloying urban sprawl of the Kent coast, you had better hope this organisation is with us for many years to come.

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## FOOD & DRINK ➤ Eating Out



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# Dunkerley's marks 25 years at the top

IT'S that time of year... roll back the clouds, bring on the sunshine, search out the flip-flops. Destination Deal.

More precisely, destination Dunkerley's Hotel and Restaurant as owners Ian and Linda celebrate 25 years of success.

With a sunny terrace for alfresco dining and modern, classy interior, the eatery is the picture of Britain but with a pinch of Continental elegance.

And with long-serving staff, an enviable reputation for quality food, excellent service and prime location, Dunkerley's top pair can afford a quick reminiscence of their past quarter of a century.

Starting out life as a modest seafront café in 1987, Dunkerley's has gone from strength to strength, offering 16 comfortable en-suite bedrooms, while the kitchen provides food worthy of two AA Rosettes as well as the prestigious recommendation from Michelin.

And for Ian, maintaining quality is as important today as it was the day that Dunkerley's opened.

He said: "We are always modernising, changing our styles both with our food and the décor of the hotel and restaurant. We don't want anything to become stale. We want the quality of our food and our staff to remain at the very top."

Quite literally a stone's throw from the sea, Dunkerley's offers an idyllic place to sample local ingredients straight off the boat.

"Whether we're picking out the mussel shells steamed with a little tippie, cracking a claw of crab or lobster, shelling the prawns, or winking



**STARS AT THE BAR:** Ian and Linda are celebrating 25 remarkable years of success at Dunkerley's

out the whelks, cockles and clams, we all love to graze on a hot summer's day.

"We want to soak up the atmosphere and wash the whole day down with generous supplies of the very best from the wine cellars."

Few restaurants can boast 25 years, as many

fall in and out of fashion, change ownership and alter cuisine, but, like a good vintage wine, this diamond in Deal's culinary crown continues to mature and improve.

Having cooked all around the world and for many celebrated guests, Ian has also had

passing through his hands some of Britain's top chefs, including Great British Menu stars Daniel Clifford, of Midsummer House, Cambridge, and Charlie Lakin, Marquis At Alkham head chef.

Ian himself trained as a chef at Thanet Technical College before taking the position of commis chef at Browns Hotel in London's Mayfair, where he really learned his trade.

He said: "The learning cycle of a chef is demanding and uncompromising. You are driven by fear and intimidation from self-acclaimed gods of the kitchen.

"The chef de partie bows to the sous chefs and ultimately the head chef. But the few who survive the early barrage soon enjoy the camaraderie of the kitchen brigade. Hot, intense but passionate about their skills, catering is a way of life, not just a job. Those who treat it as just a job rarely survive."

Aged just 21, Ian took the head-chef position at the popular Woolpack Inn at Chilham. After further successes at The Royal Hotel in Deal and others, Ian and Linda bought the small seafront café Pegasus and started Dunkerley's.

Ten years on, they purchased the Pier Hotel next door and have now developed the buildings into the business that we see now.

Ian and Linda will be having a bash to celebrate their 25 years. Former employees and friends will be invited to join the fun, but the eye will never be taken off the ball for long. "The race for quality has no finish line," said Ian. "Don't ever think you have arrived."

■ **Dunkerley's of Deal, 19 Beach Street, Deal CT14 7AH (phone 01304 375016; website [www.dunkerleys.co.uk](http://www.dunkerleys.co.uk); email [info@dunkerleys.co.uk](mailto:info@dunkerleys.co.uk))**



## FOOD & DRINK **Flavours of Kent**

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# Paolo stirs a culinary ripple across sedate Minnis Bay

LOCATED a stone's throw from Minnis Bay and nestled among its, let's say, more elderly population, new restaurant Paolo's Kitchen has brought a taste of the Mediterranean smack bang to Thanet's coastline.

And while its location may not be in the hub of the town or on the picturesque bay just seconds down the road, it doesn't matter... the food, atmosphere and interior – and exterior, although we'll get to that in a minute – are likely to draw in the crowds and place Paolo's Kitchen among the best of the isle's eateries.

The restaurant itself is cosy, understated and authentic – perhaps owing to the fact that owner and chef Paolo lived and worked in Malta – and the short menu a mix of mouthwatering Mediterranean favourites.

My guest and I ordered a bottle of white wine (£12.90) and the friendly waitress brought out a plate of antipasti – artichoke, bread and haloumi cheese with oil and balsamic vinegar – while we looked at the menu.

For my starter I chose the grilled aubergines in garlic, coriander and olive oil served with a side of natural yoghurt (£4.50), while my companion plumped for calamari fritti in burro (pan-fried calamari in butter) served with parsley, a drizzle of lemon juice and balsamic reduction (£4.50).

I don't eat calamari, but after being tempted

### RESTAURANT REVIEW



into trying some of my guest's I gave it a go and it was absolutely delicious.

My aubergine was tasty, light and simple, something you could also imagine eating al fresco with a glass of wine in a sunny courtyard.

Which brings me on to the exterior of Paolo's Kitchen. At the back of the restaurant, patio doors lead out onto a massive area of grassed garden with what looks to be the start of an outside dining area.

If I hadn't been convinced before, I most definitely was then that here was a place likely to rival some of Thanet's favourite restaurants. If we get some of that sunshine we're all craving,

this could become the place for alfresco dining.

Moving back to the menu, my guest and I chose our mains, my companion the butterfly chicken breast served on a sizzling clay plate cooked in a brandy and mushroom sauce, with hand-cut chips and Mediterranean vegetables (£13) and me the spinach and ricotta tortellini in butter and a creamy sauce (£9).

My pasta was rich and tasty and my guest's chicken packed with bags of flavour.

For dessert I chose the cheeseboard and was served a selection of delicious and unusual cheeses. My companion chose the lemon cheesecake with a shot of Limoncello on the side.

Our final bill came to £64.

The fresh and tasty food combined with a relaxed atmosphere, the rare appearance of the sunshine outside and a few glasses of wine made us feel like we were on holiday.

And if there's anything that most people fed up with this British weather want right now, it's a holiday. So if you feel like escaping from the mundane for a few hours, Paolo's Kitchen is well worth your consideration.

Marijke Cox

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Hamper heralds bright new future for Strood



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## Knight fever Try your skills during battle

**Leeds Castle, Maidstone**  
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RAISE your swords and prepare to do battle at the Leeds Castle Knight School. On the weekend of June 23-24, youngsters will have the chance to try on replica

medieval armour, helmets, breastplates, chainmail and gauntlets before battle. They can have a lesson in medieval swordsmanship and participate in a fun recreation of the Battle of Agincourt. This will be a riot of family fun that will allow you to get your hands on history. Those with the year-long Key To The Castle pass can access the event for free. Standard tickets cost £19.75 for adults, £17.50 for seniors and visitors with disabilities (carer goes free) and £12.50 for children (under-fours free).

## Coppice week Learn the craft of years past

**Godinton House, Ashford**  
Sun to Thu, June 10-14  
01233 643854  
[godinton-house-gardens.co.uk](http://godinton-house-gardens.co.uk)

GODINTON House and Gardens is hosting the third annual Coppice Week this month, with the UK's most experienced craftsmen running parkland courses. You can learn to carve a spoon or make a hurdle or even a greenwood chair as beginners experience the basic crafts. There will also be something more advanced for those who have already begun learning this outdoor skill. The relaxed atmosphere will take you back to the old world of coppice-workers camping in the woodland. Courses range from one to three days, with skilled teachers such as Alan Sage making chestnut gate hurdles, Sean Hellman and his east European fan birds and Richard Hobbs with an Introduction To Bent Hazel Chairs.



## Expect the moonlight Toploader are back!

**The Central Theatre, Chatham**  
Friday, July 6, at 7.30pm  
01634 338338  
[www.whatsonmedway.co.uk](http://www.whatsonmedway.co.uk)

THE group who once had the whole world up on their feet every time the words Dancing In The Moonlight were uttered are returning to tour the UK ahead of their new album. That's right, Toploader have returned to the music scene, having finished their latest work with the guidance of Morrissey and Coldplay producer Danton Supple. Famous for songs such as Achilles Heel, released from monster-selling album Onka's Big Moka, the Eastbourne-based group had previously gone triple-platinum before a hiatus. The boys aim to return to form this time round. Tickets are priced from £13.50-£15.

## The Voice pair head for home Matt and Sueleen

**Marlowe Studio, Canterbury**  
Friday, June 22, at 8pm  
01227 787787  
[www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com)

MATT and Sueleen, stars of BBC One's The Voice, will be playing their home-town gig when they appear at the Marlowe Studio this month. The Canterbury folk-singers

narrowly missed out on a semi-final place on the popular reality show and have gained some notoriety with their upbeat live performances.

The pair were coached by Welsh singing legend Tom Jones before being voted off the show. Jones praised the couple for a range of quality performances, saying their harmonies were some of the best he had ever heard.

Tickets for the Studio gig are priced at £8 (£10 on the door) and are on sale now.

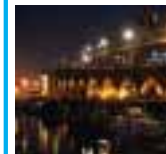


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## Stand, deliver and gig Adam Ant party time

**The Orchard Theatre, Dartford**

Sunday, July 15  
01322 220000

[www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk)

THE king of the wild frontier returns to Kent as Adam Ant brings his much-talked-about tour to Dartford's Orchard theatre.

The 80s New Wave-style icon will swashbuckle his way to the county next month and tickets are expected to sell fast.

Along with The Good, The Mad And The Lovely Posse, Adam (aka Stuart Goddard) will bring his hits as well as new material to the show.

Any 80s party would not be complete without songs such as Stand And Deliver, Ant Music and Prince Charming, showing how Antmusic made his mark on the world.

This show has been described as amazing, colourful and theatrical... don't miss it!

## Armour, relics and barbecue Dads' delight

**Chiddingstone Castle,  
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Saturday, June 17  
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CHIDDINGSTONE Castle will have everything any dad could want on Father's Day weekend.

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## Royal visitor to share his art Craft show

**Quex Park, Birchington**

Sat and Sun, June 16-17

01843 823 307

[www.midasleisure.co.uk](http://www.midasleisure.co.uk)

THE Midas Leisure Grand Craft And Gift Show heads to Quex Park next weekend, with royalty expected to visit. Prince Abimbola Olaniran will be exhibiting artwork from his Nigerian homeland with a friend, having contributed hugely to the development and promotion of arts there. There are expected to be more than 40 stalls ranging from photography, handcrafted soaps, cards, quilts and towels, jewellery and fudge and nappy and towel cakes to accessories for the home like fused glass, doorstops and cushions. You can have a go at crafting yourself, with the regulars from Quex Craft Village showing how it's all done. There will be a barbecue and a beer tent, with other refreshments served in the shack.



## A taste of our tuneful future Musical youth

**St George's Church, Deal**

Saturday, June 30

01622 691212

[www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com)

KENT County Youth Orchestra has announced that it will be performing at the Deal Festival Of Music And Arts this year. Some of the county's most

talented young musicians can rub shoulders with artists from around the globe at the festival, which runs from Friday, June 29, to Sunday, July 8. At St George's Church, High Street, Deal, the group will play Dvorak's epic Cello Concerto and Tchaikovsky's passionate Sixth Symphony. The church grounds open at 6.30pm for pre-concert drinks. Tickets are £15, £13 for Deal Friends and £7.50 for students, available from the Deal Festival Of Music And Arts box office on 01304 370220 or online at [www.theastor.org](http://www.theastor.org).

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## Hear the siren Air-raid days on the cliffs

### Dover Castle

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www.english-heritage.org.uk

VISITORS to Dover Castle on the first Friday of every month will be able to see an original Second World War Morrison air-raid shelter, part of a new Home Front Exhibition. As a wartime wireless plays music and makes public-announcement broadcasts, visitors will be able to find out about Morrison and Anderson shelters and pinpoint the public shelters around Dover on maps and photographs. There will be information and exhibits on the volunteer services in the area, including Air Raid Precaution Wardens and Home Front troops, plus original bandages donated by the family of a nurse who worked at Hothfield Hospital, near Ashford. Youngsters will be kept on their toes with children's drills and the chance to discover if service life is for them.



## Art in Medway comes of age A mean scene

### Nucleus Arts, Chatham Art Centre

Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8  
www.nucleus-arts.com

TAKE a peek into the heart of Medway's creative and artistic hub with an open-house event at Chatham Art Centre. As part of the Medway Open Studio And Arts Festival, the

centre will be showing off the area's leading artists. Exhibitors range from painters and photographers to sculptors and jewellers, with everything in between, offering the highest-quality work to view and gifts to buy. With more than 30 of Medway's top creatives in one room, this is an event that arts fans will not want to miss. Chatham Art Centre and studios will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8, from 10am-6pm. The Nucleus café will be open both days for refreshments.

## What's all the buzz about? Bee happy!

### Dungeness nature reserve

Until Sunday, June 10  
01797 320588  
dungeness@rspb.org.uk

FOLLOWING on from the reintroduction of the short-haired bumblebee at the Dungeness RSPB nature reserve and despite some very wet weather, visitors have

been buzzing along to the site's Bee Fest. Families joined in bee walks and made bee homes and the bee trail and quiz to celebrate this iconic British insect. Activities continue until Sunday, June 10, with a range of events including walks and talks. There is also the chance to buy identification guides, wildflower seeds to attract bees to your gardens and other gifts. Look out for Julibee, the special queen bee who will be appearing at events on the Marsh throughout summer.



## Irony meets pop-ska Reel Big Fish

### Quarterhouse, Folkestone

Sunday, August 12, at 7.30pm  
01303 858500  
www.quarterhouse.co.uk

REEL Big Fish were one of the southern Californian ska-punk bands to edge into the mainstream in the mid-90s following No Doubt. Like many of their peers, the band were distinguished by their hyper stage shows, juvenile humour and ironic covers of pop-ska. The group, who will appear at Folkestone's Quarterhouse as part of this summer's Skabour Festival, had an underground following before breaking into the mainstream in 1997 when their single Sell Out became an MTV favorite. Their appearance in the movie Baseketball also gained them more fans. Fronted by lead singer Aaron Barrett, they continue to release albums and tour the world relentlessly.

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EURO might be a flaky word at present, either when applied to the currency or to England's football prospects at Euro 2012.

But it has solidity when talking about the second-generation Kia Ceed.

The original Ceed arrived in the UK just five years ago and transformed how the Korean brand was perceived here.

Conceived and built in Europe and the pioneer for Kia's incredible worry-free seven-year/100,000-mile warranty, it closed up on established Western stars like the Vauxhall Astra, Ford Focus and VW Golf.

But Ceed generation two (from £14,395) is in among the leaders. It's no surprise to learn that the newcomer was benchmarked in particular against the VW Golf.

It can't quite match the Golf for the driving experience, but the car's style inside and out eclipses its German rival while taking note of its best features; the dashboard is a fine example, with all the functionality of the VW but also lots of added flair. The refinement and feeling of solidity is also Golf-like.

The exterior is arguably the finest so far from the team under Kia's German design-meister Peter Schreyer – the man who penned the original Audi TT.

He arrived at Kia just as the first Ceed went into production but has since junked the brand's old 'neutral look' for a new image epitomised by the 'Tiger nose' corporate grille.

I particularly like the new Ceed's classy wraparound headlamps with integrated LED running lights.

And while I might niddle about the quality of the seat finish on mid-range Ceed 2 (from £16,395) models I tested – I'm sure an equivalent Golf is better-trimmed – the fully-spec'd flagship Ceed 4 (from £20,595) I drove certainly redressed the balance.

As ever, though, Kia price and spec overall leaves most opposition standing, while the powertrains underline Kia's progress in just a few years.

There are petrol and diesel units in 1.4- and 1.6-litre capacities, but I was only able to test the latter, which dominate the range anyway.

The 1.6 diesel is far superior in refinement, energy and economy, but the direct-injection low-emission petrol makes a good fist of it and is cheaper by £1,100 – low-mileage users may feel it's the better buy.

All manual 1.6 engines also get Kia's eco-friendly ISG package, but the 1.6 petrol is currently the only one to get Kia's new slick twin-clutch DCT auto gearbox to rival that of the Golf.

An SW or estate is due later this year, with the prospect of a racy three-door ProceeD follow-up. With the fluid lines of the five-door to draw upon, surely this will be offered with a Golf GTI-rivalling halo model for the Ceed range and Kia as a whole?



KIA CEED

- Price:**  
£14,395
- Driving appeal:**  
★★★★★
- Image:**  
★★★★★
- Space:**  
★★★★★
- Value:**  
★★★★★
- Running costs:**  
★★★★★
- Reliability:**  
★★★★★
- How green?:**  
★★★★★
- Best rival:**  
VW Golf

## Second-generation Ceed shows quite how quickly Kia has grown



**MAKING AN IMPACT:** Kia, the Korean car-manufacturer, continues to impress with its cars, none more so than the second-generation Ceed, which is now a serious rival to more established names such as VW Golf, Vauxhall Astra and the Ford Focus

**DON'T LIKE**

... some penny-pinching on the Ceed 2 seats, but then this version does come with a cracking spec including alloys, cruise control *etc etc*.

**NOT SURE**

... the Kia badge can yet threaten VW, but the Koreans must be worrying Ford and Vauxhall and really scaring the French and Japanese.

**REALLY LIKE**

... how Kia always looks to improve. Criticisms of the previous Ceed were promptly addressed and the new car is a huge step forward from there.

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# Vogue for Evoque buoys up Range Rover's distinctive 4x4

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LAND Rover and Jaguar sales are on the march again, inspired by desirable and distinctive products – exactly what established these sister brands in the first place.

In Jaguar's case, the new impetus comes from the award-winning XF saloon – soon to be joined by a stylish Sportbrake estate.

Meanwhile, Land Rover has caught public imagination and sales with its newly-launched junior Range Rover, the Evoque.

And it really does evoke: thoughts of Range Rovers past and present helped by that chunky front end; arguments about whether the front-wheel-drive version is a proper Range Rover; or whether to have the five-door or the almost ridiculously rakish three-door coupé.

It certainly gets me ranting, since it's not my cup of tea to look at, but then I think most of its rivals look drab.

Anyway, I'm out of step with the hordes who want to buy or wish they could afford one, and I can't argue that it's terrific to be in and great for UK exports.

And I won't dispute the thinking behind the front-wheel-drive version, either, even though 4x4 purists will 'evoke' colourful metaphors as to why this is a bad thing.

Fact is, the great 4x4 fad has been more about image than true off-roading and the penny has dropped with most buyers that they are spending more than necessary on fuel, tyres and wear and tear if they buy a true 4x4 that rarely gets its feet muddy.

So a front-wheel-drive, fuel-efficient option makes sense and is recruiting many new buyers to the RR brand who see 'urban runabout' etched into the Evoque's chunky profile as much as 'country wagon'.

Many are also women, who maybe don't like their other half's bulky Range Rover Sport or Land Rover 'Disco' but still want the country-set

## RANGE ROVER EVOQUE PURE COUPÉ eD4 2.2: PRICE £28,950



**Driving appeal:** ★★★★★  
**Image:** ★★★★★  
**Space:** ★★★★★  
**Value:** ★★★★★  
**Running costs:** ★★★★★  
**Reliability:** ★★★★★  
**How green?:** ★★★★★  
**Road tax:** £90 (zero year one)  
**Best rival:** Audi Q3

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### BETTER BY DESIGN:

Land Rover has caught the public's imagination with its newly-launched junior Range Rover, the Evoque, which not only looks good but is fun to drive

image or even something that really can walk the talk – as the Evoque really does in 4x4 form.

I proved the point when driving various Evoques across moorlands, rutted tracks and cloying mud in Scotland and proving that it is worthy of the Range Rover badge.

It's easy and comfortable to drive off-road and the trademark icon-driven Land/Range Rover terrain selector makes it simple to be in the right mode for particular conditions.

And it's pretty sharp on-road, too; though relatively high, the chassis is set up to give a flat cornering stance without body-roll, yet ride comfort is surprisingly good for a car with such composure.

I've since also driven a front-wheel-drive eco-friendly eD4 (£28,950) that is also the Evoque entry model.

Powered by a smooth 150bhp 2.2-litre diesel with six-speed gearbox, this version will hit 60mph in a respectable 10.6 seconds.

Importantly, though, for those checking the brand for the first time, it should also average almost 60mpg.

Helped by a stop/start system that cuts in and out in heavy traffic or jams, it also emits just 129g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, so it's exempt from road tax in year one and liable for £90/year thereafter – not bad for an SUV.

It certainly feels lighter on its feet than the 4x4 and just as much fun to drive, so those who simply want the Evoque look are not missing out, and the cabin is stunning even on this entry model.

I prefer the five-door model, though; the test car was a coupé and I was struck by the poor visibility for rear passengers and for the driver through that letterbox rear screen.

And I'm no fan of the huge barn-door mirrors it wears, either; the 2008 concept car wore minimalist ones that didn't make it to the production car.

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### MOTORING NEWS



## Big cat purrs for customers

JAGUAR has ended an 11-year reign by Lexus as best manufacturer in the demanding JD Power and Associates/What Car? customer satisfaction survey.

Cars are rated in four key areas: vehicle appeal, quality and reliability, ownership costs and dealer service.

Best car in the 2012 survey was the Kia Sportage SUV, with the Jaguar XF executive saloon, pictured, adjudged runner-up.



## 300C is better than before

CHRYSLER'S all-new second-generation 300C arrives in showrooms this week.

While it revives the retro look of the original – now seen as a motoring icon – the Fiat-owned American marque says the newcomer is better built, safer, even more lavishly equipped and more efficient than its predecessor.

Power comes from a new 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel and prices start at just £35,995.



## Gran Coupé has 6 appeal

BMW has followed in the footsteps of Mercedes-Benz and its CLS model by launching a four-door coupé this month.

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# Jetta diverting from the Golf course

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GOLFS are hot – Jetta are not. Quite simply, the booted VW Golf has never been as popular as its hatchback sister.

VW tried changing its identity to Vento but got the wind up and went for Bora instead – a real shot in the foot – before reverting to Jetta with a sort of shrugged 'OK, you got me bang to rights'.

Not that you'd expect Jetta-owners to be so colloquial; their car has the blandest of images here, even if it's increasingly hard to see why.

Fact: the Jetta is huge in the US and catching on fast in the Far East.

Fact: Britain is in the fierce grip of downsizing, driven by economic and ecological necessity.

Fact: the VW badge sits somewhere between mainstream and premium, and buyers in the latter category prefer saloons to hatchbacks.

Fact: the Jetta is a decent product at a sensible price (from £17,165) and no longer simply a booted Golf. A wheelbase almost three inches longer gives it a cabin comparable to cars from the class above, such as VW's bulkier Passat.

The Jetta cabin is also typically VW, but not completely Golf, and it does have almost the same taut handling of what is now a half-sister rather than a full-blooded sibling.

Drive one for a few days as I did, and the smooth-riding car gets under the skin with its ability to please in most situations, a bit like a favourite pair of shoes... not slippers, I hasten to add.

## MINI ROAD TEST VW JETTA SE 1.6 TDI 105 PS BLUEMOTION TECHNOLOGY: PRICE £19,960



**Driving appeal:** ★★★★★  
**Image:** ★★  
**Space:** ★★★★★  
**Value:** ★★★★★  
**Reliability:** ★★★★★  
**How green?:** ★★★★★  
**Road tax:** £20 (zero year one)  
**Best rival:** Volvo S40

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But as you complete your unruffled journey and get out, you note again that the exterior is unexceptional, so avoid default company-car choices – silver, gunmetal or, as in the case of the road-test car, metallic light blue – and go for black or red and leave it dirty.

VW seems to know it's pushing its luck with the Jetta at present; it could offer a glittering array of fine powertrains and glamorise the lineup with a turbocharged GTI, but the German marque tried that once a long time ago...

So there is a small sober-suited selection of tax-efficient, low CO<sub>2</sub> yet flexible engines capable of pleasing most company-car user-choosers and the occasional private buyer, and all available with VW's smooth-shifting seven-speed auto/manual DSG gearbox (from £19,930) as well as crisp standard five- and six-speed manuals.

There are two versions of VW's lively turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol unit (120 and 158bhp), a 138bhp 2.0-litre performance diesel and a 103bhp 1.6-litre BlueMotion Technology eco

diesel, as tested here. The 1.6 diesel is a low-tax all-rounder for the Jetta that is capable of averaging almost 70mpg but also reasonably lively if you decide to cast off the Jetta's sober image.

BlueMotion Technology brings low-rolling resistance tyres, battery regeneration via braking and auto stop/start for the engine to cut emissions in heavy traffic or jams.

But we may need a rebirth of the Jetta GTI before the 'booted Golf' roars from the shadow of its hatchback sister.

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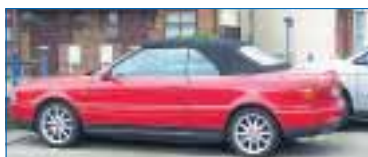
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## CRICKET

# It all still rings a bell for county's fanatical curator

By Greg Miles

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KENT Cricket Club's curator David Robertson claims his memory is not what it used to be, yet in the blink of an eye he casually reels off the day he fell in love with his home county side.

It was July 1946 when Kent were playing Middlesex at The Mote in Maidstone, and Dennis Compton scored a century as the visitors were all out for 487.

A little over a year later and he had his first junior membership at the St Lawrence Ground at the age of 14.

And so it's the icing on the cake that 66 years on from his first encounter with Kent that Mr Robertson is starting his 13th year looking after the club's historical treasures which he does alongside his role as a bell ringer at his local church in Sandwich.

"If anyone had said to me on retirement to draw up a list of things to do voluntarily, this would have been top of the list," he said.

"I'm in my 13th year now, and it's been a most rewarding experience.

"It's something that I wouldn't have missed for the world, my great passion has been Kent cricket and it takes prominence for me over England."

It was at the invitation of the Kent committee that Mr Robertson took over after eminent cricket journalist Jim Swanton retired from the role.

Mr Robertson helped him research his final book 'Cricketers of My Time: Heroes to Remember' before taking up the post.

"He asked me if I would like to help him with his final book, that really was an experience of a lifetime," he said.

"My immediate role was to go through with him all his press cuttings, mainly obituaries and so on.

"He asked me to select 140 cricketers and whittle it down, I was given responsibility for compiling all the statistical information."

He soon swapped one set of statistics for another after getting the call to join as the honorary curator while on his way home from the memorable Cricket World Cup semi-final between Australia and South Africa in 1999.

"Our archive includes score books from the mid 19th century, and there are some wonderful stories that could be told," he said.

But statistics were nothing new for the former Labour Party political organiser, who as well as having a substantial collection of cricket memorabilia at his home, also has a record of political results.

He said: "My memory is nothing like as good as it used to be. But I've always been interested in statistics including those that related to my work as well. I have a passionate interest in elections.

"I have a quite substantial cricket collection, and a collection of The Times guides to the House of Commons. I've got them going back to 1929. Every result in every constituency in every General Election. I often look at those; it's a fascination I have.

"I do have to refer more and more to books now, than was the case. By and large I like to think I've still got the enthusiasm."

Although he has a passion for politics and his gardening, it's the action at the St Lawrence Ground that takes priority, and luckily match times fit in with his bell ringing rota ensuring he never misses a ball.

Picture: ADY KERRY



## DAVID ROBERTSON'S TOP FIVE FROM KENT'S COLLECTION

- 1) The ball which legendary bowler 'Titch' Freeman took his 300th wicket, all achieved in one season in 1928.
- 2) Colin Cowdrey's silver cap representing his 100th appearance for England.
- 3) The bat that was owned by bowler Colin Blythe, who batted so rarely that he used the same one throughout his whole career.
- 4) A set of silver cuff links given to Frank Woolley after the 1909 championship win.
- 5) A scorebook detailing the first ever triple hundred to be scored in the game, achieved by WG Grace at the St Lawrence Ground for the MCC against Kent in 1876 when he hit 344.

## And the more bizarre...

"We have got in our collection what's described as a notched score stick. Runs scored used to be recorded by someone carving a notch on a stick.

"Written in ink across it is something in Latin which I've never had translated, that really is quite a bizarre thing. Unfortunately the ink is very faded and difficult to read.

"The other thing we have is from the Sydney Cricket Ground which in the 1930s was covered in what's known as bulli soil, when it got wet it formed itself into lumps.

"When Leslie Ames toured Australia in 1930s he brought back a piece of this bulli soil, and it really is like a lump of coal."



FESTIVAL: Minis new and old to grace Brands Hatch weekend

## MOTORSPORT

# Former champion Curley set to go full circle after ten year absence

TWO-TIME Mini Miglia champion Ian Curley is set to get back behind the wheel of the car he enjoyed so much success with for the first time in ten years at Brands Hatch next weekend.

The 39-year-old from Yalding, won back-to-back championships in 1998 and 1999, as well as a category seven Mini championship in 1994, and after a period of growing up he will return at the circuit's Mini Festival.

After leaving the Mini circuit in 2002, he went on to race in the British Touring Car Championships before calling it a day in 2007.

But he admits his career was never over, just on a break.

"I have never really made a conscious decision to stop racing," he said. "In 2007 I got married, and I was fortunate enough to be in a position where I could build my own

house, we had a couple of kids which is massively time consuming, I never ever realised how much time they demanded.

"Life changed for a bit, work got busy and I grew up."

Getting back behind the wheel competitively is sure to be a test for Curley who is waiting for his Mini to come to the country from Germany this week where it is in action.

"The car is racing in Germany before the festival meeting, so it's got to come back from Germany, and we need to fit the six valve engine, once that's done it will be ready for Brands," he said.

"I'm looking forward to it, it's only one race, I'm probably not fit enough, but I won't be able to do a lot in the next week.

"There's nothing to get too stressed about."

He has had his eye on returning for a

little while, but it was just a coincidence that Brands Hatch was the next race on the calendar, and even more so considering it was where he made his debut in 1992.

"It was just luck, the car was ready, we were ready and Brands Hatch was the race to do, it didn't matter where it was, we would have done it," he said.

But while he is happy to be back, the idea of becoming a touring car driver again is less appealing.

He said: "If you could ever secure the funding, you would always want to do it, it's one of the best touring car championships in the world, but you have got to have the right car, the right management, and the right team, otherwise it's just a weekend of stress."

The Mini Festival takes place at Brands Hatch on June 16-17.



BOXING

# Slovakian surprise awaits an unphased Dingsdale

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NOT knowing the opposition isn't a problem that bothers boxer Adam Dingsdale.

The 24-year-old has no idea what he is up against in his third professional tie against Slovakian Stefan Kollar tonight (Friday).

The lightweight boxer who hails from Hoo takes on Kollar in a four-round match at the Doncaster Dome having won his first two fights against Yordan Vasilev in April, and Kristian Laight in November last year.

He has been busy building up his fitness since his last fight five weeks ago, and feels ready to take on whoever steps into the ring.

"I'm feeling good, really confident, I'm looking forward to getting another win," he said.

"I don't know much about the guy I'm fighting, we know he's Slovakian, he's had five fights, and only lost one.

"But we don't know what he's like, it's not too difficult as long as I have worked hard. I should be ready for whatever comes at me.

"He could be 11ft tall, or a midget for all I know. I'm looking forward to it.

"My preparation has been brilliant, I'm as fit as a fiddle, I have not left the gym since my last fight five weeks ago."

He is happy with the start he's made to his professional career having won both fights on points decisions.

"The last one was a tough box," he said. "I'm getting some hard fights in my career, I'm hoping it will lead me on quickly.



Picture: TREVOR PRICE

UNKNOWN: Adam Dingsdale, right, has no idea what Slovakian Stefan Kollar is like

"He (Yordan Vasilev) was the number one in Bulgaria, and boxed in ten-round title fights over there, it was really good to get the win. I won every round, and that's all I have got to do really.

"It's been good because they have had different styles.

"There has been a lot to learn, and my style is changing. I'm getting rid of my old points scoring style and turning into a straight pro, I'm not the finished article though."

Although not confirmed he is hoping to be involved in a competition in Gravesend in August for his next fight.

ICE HOCKEY

## Three year chase ends as Parrish finally nets keeper

INVICTA Dynamos have strengthened their defensive options for the new season by signing goalkeeper David Wride.

Dynamos coach Kevin Parrish has wanted to sign the 25-year-old for the last three seasons, and is delighted to have finally got his man.

Wride made a name for himself with the Haringey Greyhounds in the English National Ice Hockey League, and earned a move to EPL side Milton Keynes Lightning where in the 2007/08 season he made 33 appearances.

Since then he has gone back to the Greyhounds while also appearing for the Bracknell Hornets and Chelmsford last season.

Parrish said: "David is a top netminder and a player I have been chasing for the last three seasons. In previous years we have had a number of issues in tying down goalies but I'm pleased to say his arrival has brought an end to that curse and I'm delighted that he is finally joining us in Gillingham."

Parrish said it was his performance in the play-offs last year that



KEEPER: Parrish happy with setup

heightened his interest.

"David has been a top performer at this level for a number of years regardless of whether his side was battling for the league title or fighting to avoid the wooden spoon," he said.

"Last term he iced for Chelmsford and I watched him again in the play-off final against Romford where he stood on his head for 60 minutes and, in my eyes, he won them the game. Naturally, I'm very happy to be bringing a player of his experience and calibre to Kent and I look forward to working with him."

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Dragons' season taking shape after double win

MEDWAY Dragons coach Martin Coyd is hoping to build on the club's back-to-back wins this weekend when they travel to take on the Portsmouth Navy Seahawks.

The Dragons had a tough start to the season, losing their first three ties, but the last two games have yielded a double over the Brighton based Sussex Merlins, in the cup and league.

First they claimed a 32-30 win at home, and then last week a 28-24 win away in the first round of the Challenge Cup.

Coyd knows his side will be in for a tough game though with the Seahawks sitting second in the table having won both of their games, while the Dragons are bottom having won one of their four games.

"They have been very strong at home," he said. "If we are going to progress we are going to need some experience.

"We need some more experience on the front row, that's said with an enormous amount of respect for the people there now.

"It has gelled, it's a young team,



TOUGH: Coyd's side face Seahawks

we are a bit light upfront though."

He said the club's profile has risen since the London Broncos v Hull FC match last month.

He said: "We have had a lot more people coming to training in all the age groups. Everybody knows what it is about."

CRICKET ROUND-UP



## Cowdrey in top form as Lordswood lose

LORDSWOOD continued to hover above the relegation zone in the Premier Division after slumping to a 78 run defeat to Sevenoaks Vine.

Lordswood won the toss and decided to bowl, but they found Kent youngster Fabian Cowdrey in top form as he hit 123 from 150 balls.

Sevenoaks finished on 270 for 9 with Amjad Khan the pick of the Lordswood bowlers taking 4-56.

In reply Lordswood managed 192 all out despite 42 from Jonathan Prince.

Chris Priesley was in aggressive mood with the bat as he made 32 from 25 balls before being caught by Michael Koster from Tom Parsons' delivery.

In Division Three, High Halstow took on high fliers Chestfield and lost by 38 runs.

They won the toss and decided to bowl, but could only restrict Chestfield to 204 for 8, with Matthew Tungate taking 3-58.

Benjamin Bowles got the reply off to a good start making 67, but they were all out for 166 from 45 overs with Duncan Brown taking 4-37 for the winners.

In Division Four Rainham took on Nonington and lost by three wickets.

Nonington won the toss and decided to bowl which proved a wise mood as Rainham struggled for runs.

They made a paltry 107 for 8 with Aaron Hawkins top scoring on 26.

In reply Nonington reached 108 for 7 in 38 overs as Waseem Akatar finished with bowling figures of 3-9, while Jamie Watkins top scored on 18.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES						
PREMIER DIVISION						
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Blackheath.....	5	2	1	4	6	64
Sevenoaks Vine.....	5	2	1	5	11	62
Bexley.....	5	2	1	3	5	58
Beckenham.....	5	1	0	4	1	53
Hartley Country Club.....	5	1	1	4	2	52
Bickley Park.....	5	2	0	4	3	51
Lordswood.....	5	1	0	4	8	40
Tunbridge Wells.....	5	0	0	7	5	36
Canterbury.....	5	0	1	6	14	34
Bromley.....	5	0	1	4	6	32
DIVISION THREE						
Addington Village.....	5	4	0	4	1	77
Chestfield.....	5	3	0	3	1	64
Old Wilsonians.....	5	2	1	6	6	62
Catford Wanderers.....	5	2	0	1	8	53
Holmesdale.....	5	2	0	4	7	51
Old Elthamians.....	5	2	0	3	5	48
Old Colfeians.....	5	1	1	3	11	44
Harvel.....	5	1	0	2	2	40
High Halstow.....	5	1	0	4	7	39
Downham & Bellingham.....	5	0	0	4	6	26
DIVISION FOUR						
Madknade.....	5	3	0	2	4	70
Sidcup.....	5	2	1	7	7	68
Minster (Sheppey).....	5	2	0	4	7	59
Nonington.....	5	3	0	1	1	58
Betteshanger Colliery.....	5	2	0	0	4	56
Cowdrey.....	5	2	0	4	4	52
Gravesend RF.....	5	1	1	6	9	45
Rainham (Kent).....	5	1	0	6	7	41
Bexley/Heath.....	5	1	0	4	8	36
Rodmersham.....	5	0	0	7	8	31



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